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NORTHERN WAR.

What Each Side Tries To Do.

THE POINTS TO WATCH.

Chiang Kai-shek To Leave For The Front.

Nanking, Yesterday. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is leaving Nanking for the Northern front on March 15.

Nationalist troop movements are taking place at Wuhu and Nanking.—British Naval Wireless.

WHAT EACH SIDE SAYS.

Boosting the War From Varying Points of View.

The Peking correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" reported on March 8, in effect, as follows:—

Most of the political news from or about Peking from the native Press is without foundation. The Peking drive down the Peking-Hankow Railway is not regarded as serious but headquarters, with a considerable body of troops and heavy supplies, is moving to Han-tan to organise a sound defensive but not an offensive.

The "Christian General's" attacks on Taming do not exist in fact, though Liu Chen-hua's forces and others make frequent feints which figure in the Press here.

The "Christian General's" Kuomintang remains concentrated south of Han-tan on the Peking-Hankow Railway and is also contemplating re-organising a defensive so that local foreign military observers believe that no war is imminent.

Talks of peace are equally unreliable and are largely traceable to job hunters who are self-appointed delegates attempting to curry favour in all camps.

Nanking's expedition against the North is thought to be least likely of all predicted developments while Chiang Kai-shek's recent visit to Kaifeng was to make sure that the "Christian General" would, at a price, neither open the road to the Northern advance nor actively support Wu-Han.

Among the Peking faction, two extreme groups supply most of the news. One desiring immediate attack on the "Christian General" and, therefore, interpreting every military movement as a war development and the other seeking peace and lending support to stories of negotiations. The main body of the party supplies no news whatsoever, but nevertheless wants an attack on the "Christian General" but sees political discretion in adopting a strong defensive position until conditions favour an advance.

POINTS TO WATCH.

The Northern expedition is expected to commence within a few days, the inaugural act being the departure of Chiang Kai-shek from Nanking to Hsuehchow, which he will make his military headquarters. Hereafter, Chiang Kai-shek is expected to remain at the front with the troops a good part of the time.

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PIRATED EDITION.

"RED FLAG" RECOGNISED BY MAGISTRATE.

ALLEGED SEDITION.

Two Chinese men and a woman were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsey at the Central Magistracy this morning with the unlawful possession of a quantity of seditious literature at No. 7, Cross-street, Wanchai.

Detective Sergeant Whelan, who prosecuted, said that the documents were both "anti-Hong Kong" and "anti-foreign."

After examining some of them, the Magistrate remarked that they were "pirated editions of the 'Red Flag'."

A formal remand was given until next Wednesday morning.

THE IRONSIDES.

Now Fighting On The Yangtze?

BULLETS HIT STEAMER.

Two Chinese Passengers Reported Wounded.

Wusueh, Yesterday. It is reported that fighting is taking place in the vicinity but the exact nature of it is not known.

Stray bullets took effect on a Chinese steamer where two passengers were wounded.—British Naval Wireless.

[Noted: Wusueh is a lower Yangtze port, in Kiangsi province, just above Kiukiang. The Ironsides are believed to be there and they may have clashed with the local Nationalist units.]

HOW THEY GOT THERE.

March of the Ironsides: General Chu Pei-teh.

Following reports that the Ironsides, on their retreat from



General Chu Pei-teh chief of the Nationalist Government of Kiangsi province.

Canton, are now near Nanking, the despatch below is of particular interest to Canton and Hong Kong at the moment.

There is also a reference to General Chu Pei-teh of the Nationalist Army, who is in control of Kiangsi province. According to Reuter, he and his 40,000 men have aligned themselves with Chiang Kai-shek.

Chang Fah-kuei is the commander-in-chief of the Ironsides who quarrelled with and were defeated by Marshal Li Chai-sum. Miao Pei-nan is his deputy in the field. Fang Ting-ying is another ex-Canton General now with the Ironsides. Yeh Ting once led the Communist army of regulars who occupied Swatow for a week last year.

The following is from the "N. C. Daily News" correspondent



General Chang Fah-kuei, Commander-in-Chief of the Ironsides.

at Kiukiang, the Yangtze port of Kiangsi province, on March 2:—

To Join the North. Considerable troop movements have taken place in the interior of the province recently. Chang Fah-kuei's armies hung about in the extreme south and then split into two parts.

Miao Pei-nan, with the 4th Army, has moved up the eastern border through Nanfeng and Kiuchang as far as Loping. He is reported to be on his way to Anking via Chintchen and Ki-men, to take part in the Northern Expedition.

Formerly Reds? The other portion, under Fang Ting-ying, calls itself the 46th Army, but is believed to be the re-

MAGNETIC NETS.

Scientific Expedition's Activities.

TERRESTRIAL KNOWLEDGE.

156 New Magnetic Stations Established By Party.

Delhi, Yesterday. The arrival of a party consisting of the American Plymmer and the Briton Mathewson, both missionaries, and the German scientist and doctor Filchner at Leh marks the second and final stage of the Asiatic Magnetic Expedition extending throughout Tibet from the East to the West.

The party claim to have added greatly to the knowledge of terrestrial magnetism by establishing via Kulja a connection between the west-Asiatic and the European magnetic net and the Chinese net made by the Carnegie Institute Expedition, also by linking up the Chinese and Indian nets. Since the expedition set out from Kulja 156 magnetic station have been established. The party is going to Srinagar from Leh.—Reuter.

SOVIET & GERMANY.

THE ARREST OF LATTER'S ENGINEERS.

NEWSPAPER DEMAND.

Berlin, Yesterday. The German Ambassador at Moscow has telegraphed the result of the conversation with Chicherin. The latter, however, has not vouchsafed any information on the arrest of the German engineers beyond stating that the investigation is being made and that result be communicated to Germany.

Herr Stresemann has just returned from Geneva and is expected to take up the matter vigorously.

Berlin newspapers demand the breaking of Germano-Russian trade negotiations.—Reuter.

RUSHING WATERS.

150 KILLED AT AMERICAN CAMP.

Los Angeles, Yesterday. One hundred and fifty workmen perished in rushing waters at a construction camp at Kemp, there being only one survivor from the gang. It is feared that 30 Indians were drowned. The ranch is popular as a rodeo centre.—Reuter.

KINKEAD'S MACHINE.

FOUND WITH BODY INSIDE.

London, Yesterday. Lt. Kinkead's machine has been salvaged. It was found in two parts, namely the fuselage and engine. The body inside was removed to the mortuary at Calshot.—Reuter.

organised 11th Army lately under Yeh Ting. This army has moved down the Kan River as far as Nanchang and is also said to be on the way to join in the war in the north. Both the armies are reported to have behaved well and the local people have nothing to complain of them except the usual subscriptions collected from the merchants.

Mission Occupied. Chu Pei-teh's 3rd and 9th Armies are concentrated round Kiukiang and Nanchang. Men of these armies recently occupied the lovely Methodist Mission Compound in Nanchang. Both these armies have been ordered north by Chiang Kai-shek but this does not fall in with the view of Chu Pei-teh and as a consequence he has resigned his position as Chairman of the Provincial Government. The resignation has not been accepted yet.

Peaceful SHIL. In Kiukiang we have had a peaceful time. Until quite recently here have been few troops in Kiukiang, which means you are not pushed off the pavements by galloping officers on small ponies and the surface of the streets is less infected than usual. Now a division of the 3rd Army (Chu Pei-teh's) has been sent here and several of the missionary buildings in the native city have been converted into a recruiting depot for the 1st Army, but Duff's Farm must be getting used to that sort of thing.

HUNAN HORRORS.

Reds From Canton And Swatow.

GERMAN REFUGEES' STORY.

Saved Only By Their Medical Knowledge.

Hankow's Yesterday. A German engineer and his wife, who have just arrived from Chenchow in Hunan province, have undergone the most harrowing experiences at the hands of the same Communist band who sacked Leiyang city some days ago. The pair were forced to witness the torturing and butchering of hundreds of Chinese at Chenchow and were spared a



General Tang Seng-chi, who led the old Hankow Nationalist Government in opposition to Nanking. He has been crushed and the remnants of his army are in the south of Hunan.

similar fate only because they possessed medical skill and doctor the wounded Communists. The most horrible methods were used on the victims, including burning alive, gouging out eyes, and slicing off various members of the body.

Relief of Terror.

The German engineer, who is employed by a Chinese mining company, reports that a very large area in the south of Hunan and the north of Kwangtung are infested with Communists from Swatow and from Canton, who have been joined by former fol-

BRUSH WITH BANDITS.

Guards On British Ship Return Attack.

PASSENGERS WOUNDED.

Shanghai, Yesterday. As the Indo-China (Jardine) river steamer "King Wo" was passing Wushan on the Yangtze River, fire was opened by bandits from shore. Two Chinese were wounded.

The fire was returned by the armed guards aboard the "King Wo" and several casualties were observed among the bandits.—British Wireless Service.

lowers of General Tang Seng-chi, and are creating a terroristic reign in the villages and smaller towns.

Owing to the German couple's overwrought condition, a prolonged interview was not allowed.—Reuter.

[Leiyang city is about 100 miles from Kwangtung's northern frontier. Ichang and Pingshih, two market towns on the Kwangtung-Hunan boundary, have been occupied by Communists several times during the last few months.]

SWABUE REDS.

Official Statement From Canton.

The "China Mail" is officially informed by General Chui King-tong, the director of the Kwangtung military bureau, that considerable progress has been made in the campaign against the Swabue Soviet. (In the Hofung and Lukung districts between Swatow and Bias Bay). Troops

COUNCIL MEETING.

Sir H. Pollock's Three Questions.

WATER AND AERODROME.

Expense Of H.E.'s Visit To Canton.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Henry E. Pollock, Kt., K.C., pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1. What information can the Government lay before this Council as to the steps which are being taken in connection with the construction of the new reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley?

2. What steps is the Government taking by leaflets or notices to instruct householders and others as to the imperative necessity of conserving the water supply of this Colony? Why cannot printed notices in English and Chinese, be sent out to householders periodically? Is it not possible that some economy in consumption might be effected by reducing the amount of the free allowance of water to householders?

3. In connection with the answer given to the Hon. Mr. Bernard at the last meeting of this Council to the effect that the Imperial Government was contributing £100,000 towards the Kai Tak Aerodrome, what is the estimated sum of money which the Hong Kong Government will have to contribute towards the cost of such aerodrome?

The Attorney General will move to-morrow the second reading of two Bills, namely:—

"An Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen."

"An Ordinance to amend the Naturalisation Ordinance, 1902, and to provide for the revocation of naturalisation rights in certain cases."

FINANCE VOTES.

Expense Of H.E.'s Visit Canton.

Five notes totalling \$34,935 are to come before the Finance Committee at the conclusion of the Council meeting, to supplement the estimates of 1928, as follows:—

Path from Ta Ku Ling to Lin Ma Hang to complete work in progress, \$25,500.

It was anticipated that \$13,000 would be required in 1927 but owing to unforeseen delays only \$3,745.68 was expended. Only \$2,000 was included in this year's estimates as it was considered that the work would be practically completed in 1927. The sum now asked for is a revote. The above is to be met from savings.

400 KILLED.

DISASTROUS EARTHQUAKE NEAR LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Yesterday. It is estimated that nearly 400 were killed in an earthquake which smashed a 100-foot high reservoir dam in the San Francisco-Quito Canyon, 40 miles north of here, releasing the flood to the surrounding townships. The dam was part of the city water supply, rescuers rushing to the scene.

The theory of an earthquake is doubted as it was not felt elsewhere.—Reuter's American Service.

Eight Hundred Missing.

Newhall, California, Yesterday. Reports from mortuaries and hospitals in connection with the stricken dam disaster show that nearly two hundred bodies have been recovered. A further eight hundred persons are missing.—Reuter's American Service.

AT GENEVA.

RUSSIAN DELEGATES ARRIVE UNNOTICED.

Geneva, Yesterday. Litvinoff, Lunacharsky and 10 other Russian delegates for the preparatory disarmament commission arrived unnoticed.—Reuter.

are converging on the Red area from two directions, i.e. from the East River and from Swatow. One force has already struck at the Reds' rear but is waiting for reinforcements.

The departure of General Tang Yin-wah, latterly Police Commissioner at Canton for the East River, is believed to be connected with the Canton Government's intensification of the drive against the Swabue Communists.

AFGHAN ROYALTY.

Their Arrival In England.

AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Met At Dover By The Prince Of Wales.

London, Yesterday. King Amanullah of Afghanistan and his queen had an imposing official reception and a wonderful popular welcome when they arrived in England to-day. From the middle of the English Channel to Dover four British destroyers escorted the steamer "Maid of Orleans," in which their Afghan Majesties came from France while overhead flew five fighter aeroplanes.

As the "Maid of Orleans" entered Dover Harbour the guns of Dover Castle thundered forth a royal salute.

Waiting on the quay were the Prince of Wales wearing the uniform of the Welsh Guards. With the Prince were Field Mar-



King Amanullah of Afghanistan.

shal Allenby, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Francis Humphrys, British Minister at Kabul, the Afghan Minister in London and the British suite to be attached to their Afghan Majesties.

As soon as the vessel had been made fast the Prince of Wales approached the gangway and welcomed King Amanullah and Queen Souriya, while the band played the Afghan national anthem.

Amanullah was a splendid figure in a gorgeous uniform of sky-blue tunic and scarlet trousers under a long grey and green cloak with black and scarlet helmet surmounted by a white cockade. His suite also wore brilliant uniforms. Queen Souriya was fashionably dressed in Euro-



The Prince of Wales, who met the Afghan party at Dover.

pean style. After inspecting the Guard of Honour their Majesties listened to an address of welcome presented by the Mayor and corporation of Dover. The Mayress handed Queen Souriya a bouquet of red and white roses and the Queen bowed her thanks.

Their Afghan Majesties accompanied by the Prince of Wales then proceeded to London.

Met by King. At Victoria station, London, their Afghan Majesties were awaited by King George and Queen Mary, with whom were the Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince Henry and Prince Arthur of Connaught. There was a distinguished assembly also which included Mr. Baldwin, the Premier, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, and other members of the Cabinet in levee dress, and the

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CLUB ACTIVITIES.

Engineers' Institution Report.

LIBRARY MORE POPULAR.

Five Billiards Handicaps Decided.

The annual report of the Managing Committee of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, for presentation at the thirty-seventh annual meeting on April 4, is as follows:—

The membership on December 31 was:—Honorary Members, 1; Ordinary Members, 114; Associate Members, 74; Seagoing Ordinary, 66; Seagoing Associate, 73; Visiting, "B," 36; Outport Members, 2; Absent Members, 263 and Apprentice Members, 8. Total 632.

During the year 48 new members were elected, 35 members resigned. Forty-three members have been written off on account of breach of regulations or continued absence without the necessary notification to the Hon. Secretary.

It is particularly requested that any change of address or ship be notified, as well as absence from the Colony on leave or otherwise. It is with regret that the Committee report the loss by death of the following members:—J. McCubbin—President, 1913-14; R. A. Black; D. Alkman; A. W. Barclay; N. Dakin; J. Ibbotson; T. R. Percy and H. Conway.

Library Improvements.

The Technical Library is undergoing a thorough overhaul which is not yet completed. We are very grateful to our President for not only his advice and ready assistance in this matter, but also for his very handsome donation. If members have any modern technical works they would like to present, now is a very suitable time.

Although the Fiction Library has not grown much numerically it has, at the same time undergone a process of modernisation by the weeding out of unsuitable and worn out volumes and their replacement by new books as they come in. It has, nevertheless, grown slightly as shown hereunder:—

	1926.	1927.
Fiction	3,000	3,000
Biography	82	34
Essays	63	75
Geography	29	31
History	59	73
Marine	19	33
Recreation	11	11
Science	50	58
Poetry	29	30
War Subjects	70	70
	3,362	3,420

being a net increase of 58. 362 volumes have been purchased at a cost of \$998.24.

44 volumes have been presented.

The books discarded to make room for these have found another sphere of usefulness in adding to the pleasure of our friends who so unremittently tend the lights which never fall.—The Lighthouse Service.

It is a great pleasure to the Hon. Librarian to be able to report a steadily increasing circulation, the figures for the year being 11,846—987 per month as against 10,727 in 1926 and 9,150 in 1925, and he hopes it is not merely a dream that the circulation of 1928 will reach a regular issue of 1,000 per month.

Literary Addresses.

Three most interesting papers were read during the year under review, viz:—"Urban and Suburban Transport" by L. C. F. Bellamy, Esq., M.C., M.I.E.E., Member Institute of Transport (Member); "Some Automobile Troubles and How to Avoid Them" by G. D. Lambert, Esq., Chief Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon & Canton Railway and "Gas—Its Distribution and Uses" by A. Hevey, Esq., Engineer, Hong Kong & China Gas Co. (Member).

Members are earnestly requested to do their best to attend on these occasions in the first instance to show gratitude and appreciation to the gentlemen who spend so much valuable time in compiling papers for the edification of others, and in the second instance, to support the Literary Council.

Our thanks are due to the above named friends who have so unselfishly devoted their valuable time in the interests of the Institution. Billiard Prizes.

During the year the Billiard returns have further declined.

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H. J. CHATER,
Surgeon Captain, R.N.
R.N. Hospital, Hong Kong,
12th March, 1928.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

EASTER MEETING.
Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on Saturday, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. PIERCE-GROVE, Alexandra Buildings.
ENTRIES close before NOON, Wednesday, 20th March, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.
The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.
Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 16th March, 1928.
The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.
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The Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into '300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$36,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 3,600,000 'shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

- "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to 'capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company 'standing to the credit of the 'Company's Reserve Fund and to 'allot to the members holding 'shares of the Company as on 'the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised 'fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal 'value in the proportion of one 'share for every two shares of 'the Company then held by such 'persons respectively and that 'such shares, so allotted shall 'rank for dividends as from the '1st day of July, 1928."
- "That if, on such distribution 'as aforesaid, any person would 'be entitled to a fraction of a 'share, the Directors shall, in 'lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share 'to be allotted to a person or 'persons to be named by the 'Directors and such share may, 'at such time as the Directors 'think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the 'person entitled to the fractions 'making up the share."

Dated the 3rd day of March, 1928.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928 (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of March, 1928, at Noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th March, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on MONDAY, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1928.

GLASGOW SYNOD.

BISHOP ON DIVORCE FACILITIES.

DECAY OF HOME LIFE.

The annual Synod of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway was held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, in mail week. The Rev. E. T. S. Reid, D.D., Bishop of the United Diocese, took as his charge the subject of "Holy Matrimony," Bishop Reid said we each had our own distinct personality, which had to be attended to and provided for. But at the same time we could not leave out of account our necessary dependence on one upon another, nor could we except at great loss to ourselves, neglect the responsibilities which our union involved. National life, and in its turn the life of humanity as a whole, was but family life writ large. The problems of the world are the problems of the family. Without attempting to fix the blame upon any particular individual or group of individuals—for assuredly there have been faults on both sides—he believed it was true to say that the holiness of our streets, the labour troubles which were all too frequent, the revolt against discipline which was so common, and so forth, could all be traced back ultimately to the breakdown of family life, and to loss of the ideals which ought to direct it. We should discover the principle upon which present-day world problems might be solved only when we had set up anew the ideals which ought to inspire the home life, and were honestly trying to carry them out; for, as had been well said, "The strength of the nation is in the homes of the people."

The Tendency of To-day.

No thoughtful person could view with anything but apprehension the decay of home life which was one of the marked characteristics of modern times. The love for home, which once was a distinctive note of our national life, no longer existed to the same extent. The home had become little better than a lodging-house, where we slept and took some of our meals. "The whole current and trend of life to-day is drawing the inmates away from home." Without in any way denying the immense amount of good which had been done in the way of educating and brightening life, by our public institutions and places of amusement, and without in any puritanical sense decrying the opportunities now afforded for wholesome amusement, the thoughtful person could be blind to the fact that "the tendency of to-day was to undervalue the blessings of the home life, and to spend too much time outside the home circle."

The secret of happy home life was to be found in the recognition of the bonds which united all the members of the family in an enduring fellowship, and the consequent responsibilities which those ties involved. The union once formed might become strained, but it could never be broken. Brothers might quarrel, but in spite of their disagreement they remained brothers. Husband and wife might separate, but they remained husband and wife. Marriage had united them in a lifelong and indissoluble union. It was this fact which provided the sure foundation upon which true home life and all social morality was based. What grounds had we for teaching it to our people? The opening address of the Marriage Service in the Book of Common Prayer (Scotland) made the statement that marriage was "an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocence." "It was ordained for the increase of mankind according to the will of God, and that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His name. It was also ordained for the mutual society, help, and comfort that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity." It signified "the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and His Church."

The implication of the service was that marriage was a lifelong and indissoluble union. If words meant anything, the teaching of their Church implied that marriage united bride and bridegroom in a union which was intended to be lifelong. What authority was there for the view which was here indicated as to the permanence of marriage? As Christians, they naturally turned to the Bible for light upon the subject, and in doing so they found that the conditions accompanying marriage had varied from time to time.

"Scraps of Paper."

Dealing with question of divorce, Bishop Reid said our duty as Christians was clear. Divorce was contrary to the law of Christ. We attached no weight whatever to the decrees of the Divorce Court. They were injurious to morality, and they were opposed to the teaching of Christ.

America last year one marriage out of every seven ended in a decree of divorce. With that warning before them they must protest and fight against the insidious attempt which was now being made to extend the facilities for divorce in our own land. A proposal had recently been made that any couple who had been separated for three years—for any cause whatever—should be allowed to turn that separation into a divorce and should be free to marry again. It was almost inconceivable that same people, with the scandals of our present divorce laws before their eyes, should contemplate an extension of divorce on the lines suggested. Married people who had been living apart for three years were to be allowed to claim a divorce, because they were tired of each other, because they did not find the marriage state to be perfect—because they forgot what they meant by the lifelong promise to keep to one another, or for any other reason or excuse. Marriage certificates were to be torn up as "scraps of paper." Our homes were to be broken up. Children were to be brought up under the shuffling and shame of changing parents. The misery that would be sure to follow was too awful to contemplate.

It was said that this proposed new law would promote morality, and that separation without divorce tended to immorality. To permit such an extension of divorce would unquestionably encourage hasty, improvident, and unwise marriages. It would make forethought practically unnecessary. It would thwart that growth in character which resulted from husband and wife learning to face together the manifold difficulties of life, and from that unselfish consideration for one another which brought out all that was best in both. There were hard cases, and ill-assorted unions for which divorce seemed to offer a remedy. But for the good of the community divorce must be refused.

Any tampering with the Divine law of marriage, Bishop Reid said in conclusion, was to endanger the home life and to trample in the dust all that good and true men and women cared for most. The State could regulate and safeguard the behaviour of those who were married, but it could not undo the marriage in the sight of God. Therefore any sanction which the State might give to marriage after divorce was in opposition to the laws of God. When the law of the State allowed what God forbade their only course—if they were to be loyal to our heavenly King—was to protest, and to endeavour by every means in their power to raise the whole standard of thought about marriage to that level which benefited it as an honourable estate.

"Spiritual Deadness."
A motion put forward by the Rev. Canon W. Brews, Dumbarton, gave rise to a lengthy and somewhat lively debate. The motion was in the following terms:—"That the Synod, in view of (1) the spiritual deadness of the time, (2) the difficulty of obtaining clerical help, (3) the inadequate stipends of the majority of the clergy, and (4) the failure of many of our Missions, considers further church extension inadvisable, and suggests that the resources of the Church should be directed to improving the financial position of such charges as are worth preserving."

In submitting his motion, the Rev. Mr. Brews said he had been studying the question of church extension, and he had come to the conclusion that they had been building towers without counting the cost, or without any information as to whether they were proceeding on right lines. There was at present a blast of materialism abroad in the world. It was no time for Napoleonic conquests; it was rather a time for guarding and keeping the ground they already held. Where, he asked, were the clergy in the Synod of Glasgow? To him they appeared like the actor to Shakespeare: they had their exits and their entrances. (Laughter). Their spiritual family was a procession of cradles and coffins. It was not a diocese; it was a kaleidoscope. They changed so frequently that they never got to know each other, and the ex-

planation of that was the totally inadequate stipends given. In regard to the junior charges in particular, he thought the environment of those young ministers was quite impossible. Surely the first duty of a diocese was to see that the men it already had were adequately remunerated. When that was done it would be good time to think of extension schemes. He was sure that what they wanted was not buildings but men. They wanted fewer but stronger churches.

The Rev. Canon C. B. Beard, Helensburgh, seconded, said in regard to the question of stipends that he marvelled at the silent endurance of the clergy, and he marvelled also how they managed to live.

A Clamant Necessity.
The Rev. Canon Petrie, the Convener of the Finance Committee of the Church Extension Scheme, moved the following amendment:—"That the Synod in view (1) of the earnest desire for spiritual privileges in the new housing areas in the diocese; (2) the great need for an increase in the number of clergy; (3) the necessity of providing adequate stipends for the mission clergy; and (4) the evident blessing of Glasgow upon the new extension mission, considers that further Church extension is a clamant necessity, and urges upon the Bishop and the Church Extension Committee to take every possible means to bring the needs of the diocese for additional clergy and the provision of sites and buildings before the whole Church. In submitting the amendment, he described Mr. Brews's motion as a vote of censure on the Bishop and as an insult to the Church. In regard to the stipends question, he would like to know what, in Mr. Brews's opinion, constituted an adequate stipend. Further, he would like to know on what ground Mr. Brews was able to say that many of our missions had failed.

The amendment was seconded by the Rev. Canon Lempriere, Bearsden.
The Rev. Canon J. M'Bain, Glasgow, in supporting the motion, said he was sure Mr. Brews did not intend to offer an insult to the Bishop or to the Church as a whole. Reference had been made to the spiritual deadness of the times, and he asked if any of the brethren were satisfied with things as they were. Again, did organised religion in this country to-day admit that it was an extraordinary success? Did they realise that more than half the citizens had no connection whatever with any kind of organised religion?

Bishop's Reply.
Bishop Reid said the Committee on Church Extensions was only too willing to listen to practical suggestions that might be helpful. He therefore did not regret Mr. Brews's motion as a vote of censure on himself or on the Committee. He would like to point out, however, in regard to the question of missions that some of the new charges were doing better than some of the churches that had been in existence for 50 years. So far as the difficulty of getting ministers was concerned, he pointed out that the important thing was not to get men, but to get the right men. At the close of the discussion it was agreed that the motion and amendment should not be voted on, and the Synod proceeded with the next business.

The Synod agreed to the appointment of the Rev. Duncan Macintyre as a representative on the Provincial Synod, in succession to the Rev. H. W. Hall.

BISHOP OF LONDON.

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The Bishop of London, Dr. A. F. Winnington Ingram, celebrated his 70th birthday recently. He said:—
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CHINA COAST.

LATEST CHANGES IN THE
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APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Latest changes in the China Coast "Gazette," as announced by "Shipping and Engineering" on March 9, are as follows:—

Mr. C. B. Periam, third engineer, "Fengtien," has resigned.

Mr. R. Black, sup'y third engineer, "Hsin Peking," has gone third engineer, "Fengtien."

Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer, "Chungking," has gone second engineer, "Kintang."

Mr. R. B. Peck, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Chungking."

Mr. A. Lockerie, from reserve, has gone sup'y third engineer, "Woosung."

Mr. J. F. Wylie, chief engineer, C. N. Co., is on home leave.

Mr. W. Wishart, chief engineer, "Shansi," has gone sup'y chief engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. K. Logan, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Shansi."

Mr. T. A. Orde, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Sunning."

Mr. J. Cromby, sup'y second engineer, "Linan," has gone second engineer, "Kalgan."

Mr. D. W. Hume, second engineer, "Kalgan," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Watson, from shore employment, has gone sup'y third engineer, "Taikoo Wan Yi."

Mr. G. S. Arthur, sup'y chief engineer, "Fatahan," has gone chief engineer, "Kiukiang."

Captain A. Dockwray, from reserve, has gone master, "Foshing."

Captain W. A. Balch, of the "Foshing," is on reserve.

Mr. L. G. Merry, sup'y second officer, "Tuckwo," has gone sup'y second officer, "Fausang."

Mr. D. B. Smith, second officer, "Fausang," is on home leave.

Mr. R. E. Smith, sup'y second officer, "Chaksang," has gone sup'y second officer, "Leesang."

Mr. T. Hughes, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Foshing."

Mr. G. Y. L. Hunter, sup'y second officer, "Kwaisang," has gone sup'y second officer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. C. McAlister, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kaiping."

MARINE COURT.

BOARDING WITHOUT PERMISSION.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., an unlicensed hawk, Wu Cho, of 993 Canton-road, second floor, was charged by Capt. M. Miller, s.s. "President Grant," Dollar Steamship Co., for unlawfully boarding the s.s. "President Grant," lying at No. 5 Wharf, Kowloon Godowns, without the permission of the master or officer in charge.

Accused admitted the charge, and was fined \$100, with the alternative of 100 days' hard labour.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

With the arrival of 16 vessels recorded at the Harbour Office in the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. to-day, the list includes 3 nationalities that figure prominently, that of the French, with 5 vessels, the British, 4 vessels, and the Japanese, with 3.

The cargo imported to Hong Kong by the above vessels, totals 16,866 tons, to which the British contributed 3,633 tons.

Cargo being shipped through the Colony to ports beyond amounts to a total of 21,989 tons, 10,064 tons are being shipped by the British vessels.

With regard to the above figures the best return for cargo import to Hong Kong in the time under review, was shown by the s.s. "Karunasun Maru" from Samarinda—Messrs. M. B.K.—3,080 tons coal.

The highest figure shown, for cargo being shipped for ports beyond, by one vessel, was registered by the s.s. "Glensando" from Shanghai—Messrs. J. M. & Co.—7,000 tons beans.

Passengers arrived in the Colony yesterday by the above vessels, in the time ending 9 a.m. this morning, totals 2,408 persons, which include 1,892 Asiatic deck; 305 Asiatic cabin; 126 European deck; 145 European cabin.

Departures.

For Shanghai:—Changchow, Mikage Maru No. 11; President Jefferson.

For Canton:—Yat Sing, Team. Swatow:—Apoey, Hoi Ching.

For Singapore:—Derwent. For Saigon:—Sphinx.

For Tanshui:—Nitago Maru. For Manila:—President Grant.

For Kobe:—Oakridge. For Whampoa:—Tonjer.

For Amoy:—Tak Hing. For Macao:—Shui Hing.

For Amoy:—Caylon Maru. For Amoy:—Sumida Maru.

For Amoy:—Yamaguchi. For Amoy:—Tijimauch.

For Amoy:—Menado Maru. For Amoy:—Menado Maru.

Clearances.

For Singapore:—Glensando, Fook Sang.

For Swatow:—Talkwa Maru, Hing Hwa.

For Touraine:—Chung Kong. For Whampoa:—Marunasun Maru.

For Hongkong:—Yuen Sang. For Billiton:—Tijilwong.

Shipping Abstract.

In Arrivals Departures Ports
British 4 5 25
Japanese 3 5 12
Norwegian 2 1 7
Chinese 1 3 19
Dutch 0 1 5
French 5 2 4
American 1 3 0
Danish 0 0 1
German 0 0 1
Portuguese 0 0 2

16 20 76

ARMS ON SHIPS.

The police yesterday arrested a pantry "boy" on board the s.s. "Sphinx" for alleged unlawful possession of a .32 Colt revolver and 50 rounds of ammunition.

The Chinese passengers on board the s.s. "President Grant" were arrested for a similar offence. One is said to have had a .32 Colt, and the other two parts of an automatic pistol and 101 rounds of ammunition.

The new 10,000 ton cruiser "Suffolk" was commissioned by Capt. N. O'Neill at Portsmouth on February 7 for service in the China Station. She went to Devonport for trials on February 16.

The "Statistical Report of the Health of the Navy for the Year 1925" is published by H.M. Stationery Office. The returns for the total force show a decrease in the incidence of disease as compared with the four years' average, and a decrease also with relation to 1924. The Mediterranean Station, with 14.83 per 1,000, showed the lowest sick rate; the irregular list the highest with 49.05, the Africa Station coming next with 26.35, and the China Station following with 26.34. The China Station had the largest death ratio, 4.75, and North America and the West Indies the lowest, 1.47.

HOP CHEONG PIRACY.

PIRATES WHO EMBARKED AS CREW.

FURTHER WEST RIVER DETAILS.

According to reports in the vernacular papers, the piracy of the Wuchow boat "Hop Cheung" was conducted by three men only who had embarked as crew and who attacked the engine room near Tit Au Kok, Tai Ping Sha district.

Eight members of the crew are said to have been kidnapped and two members of the staff who were roughly handled in attempts to make them divulge information are reported to have been sent to Canton for medical treatment.

A Canton naval expedition is said to be going to the spot to deal with the pirates.

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At the Central Magistracy this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, the Import and Export Department summoned Messrs. Thoresen and Co. "for that they being the agents of the s.s. 'Hello,' did not within 24 hours of the ship's arrival in port forward a complete and accurate report of dutiable liquor and tobacco on board the ship." The defendants pleaded guilty, and a fine of \$10 was imposed.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Singapore for this port on March 10 at 5 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here tomorrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 1.30 p.m. left Kobe to-day at noon, and is due at Yokohama tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The P. & O. "Nagore" left Singapore for this port on March 10 at 4 p.m., and is due here on March 16 at about noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Shanghai on March 12 at 5 p.m., left Shanghai yesterday at 12.30 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow at noon. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on March 17.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Leith, Middlebro', Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on March 19.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Venezia" sailed from Port Said on Feb. 20, and is due here on March 29.

The D. & Co. M.V. "Toledo" sailed from New York on February 13, and is due here on April 12.

A coal cooler died soon after admission to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday as the result of severe injuries received when he accidentally fell into the hold of a coal lighter on which he was working, off Wanchai.

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EMPERESS OF CANADA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 17
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 29	July 8
EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29
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SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Thursday, 5th April.
BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang) Thursday, 19th April.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU Saturday, 31st March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Sunday, 25th March.
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Captain Zoeke said nothing in all his twenty-one years on the bridge equalled the terrific storms of that week in the North Sea. "For six days we were unable to leave the Elbe," he said, "but on Jan. 29 we at last ventured into the open sea and immediately ran into a fierce gale. For two days we managed to keep going on our own engines, but on Jan. 31 a hurricane compelled us to lie to for 48 hours. We were pounded by such terrific seas that I soon realised there could be only one end to it."

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"My fears proved only too well founded, for early on Feb. 3 the mate awakened me to say that we were making water fast in the forepeak. Very soon the vessel gave signs of being waterlogged, and I issued orders for rockets and other signals to be sent up. After two hours the Grimsby trawler came along, and by means of a message inserted in a bottle which we tied to a lifebelt and threw overboard I asked him to stand by, as I thought we were going down."

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14 Days Instead of 4.

The storm abated slightly on Feb. 4, proceeded, Captain Zoeke, and he was able for the first time to get the crew to the hand pumps. Even then, however, he was sceptical of being able to save the ship, but after some hours' work they got the leak sufficiently under control to be able to release the trawler from her long vigil. The "Hermine" reached Lissle-mouth under her own steam, having taken fourteen days instead of four to cross the North Sea.

Officers appointed for the new course in turbine machinery, which began on February 6, at Portsmouth, include Lieut. (E.) A. J. Norris, late of H.M.S. "Carleton," in China.

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ARRIVALS.

Passenger arrived at Hong Kong by the "President Grant" from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai on March 13, were:—

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European passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the M.M. "Sphinx" for Saigon, Singapore and Marseilles on March 13, were:—

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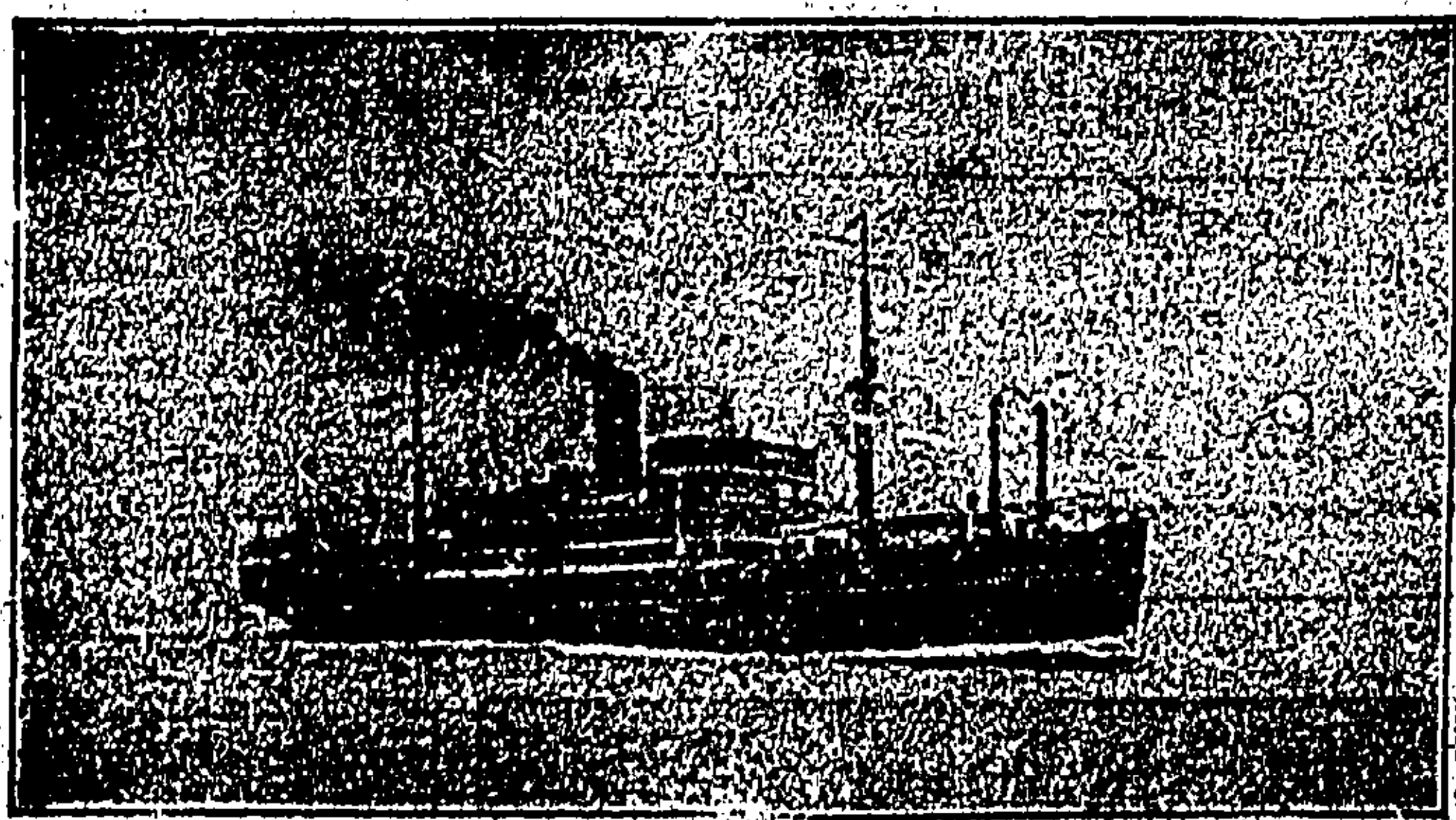
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AFGHANISTAN AND BRITAIN.

The average reader of the newspapers has, we suppose, followed the tour of the Emir of Afghanistan and his Queen and suite through India and Europe to England with a kind of casual interest usually devoted to the movements of Royal personages. It has been seen that H.M. Amir Amanullah Khan, from the moment he left his capital at Kabul and crossed the North West Frontier into British territory at Peshawar, was accorded throughout his journey in the great Dependency most regal treatment allied with extreme cordiality. Then, in Egypt, he was greeted with unprecedented demonstrations of sympathy, this being the first time that Egypt had occasion to express its sentiments for a Mussulman king who is veritably independent; then came magnificent receptions in Germany, Italy and France, the chancelleries of each country vying one with the other in generous exemplifications of cordiality. On reaching England Amanullah, as to-day's cable shows, was received with all the pomp and circumstance attending his rank, the Prince of Wales meeting him at Dover and His Majesty the King awaiting his arrival in the capital.

The object of the Afghan tour has, of course, been a matter for speculation from the moment it was announced. That it has tremendous political significance is, however, beyond doubt. The object of the Afghan tour has, of course, been a matter for speculation from the moment it was announced. That it has tremendous political significance is, however, beyond doubt.

splendid opportunity of expressing its sentiments of friendship, for the King of Afghanistan is obviously a ruler with whom it is advantageous to most of the other Powers to be on terms of mutual understanding. Britain, because of its geographical position, is now able to take his Majesty in hand after he has seen most of Europe and, in the way of entertaining and so on, should go one better than the Continental Courts at which Amanullah stayed. From a diplomatic viewpoint, however, the palm must go to Russia, the Soviet having extracted a promise from the Afghan ruler to rest awhile at Moscow on his way back to his kingdom. This was undoubtedly a clever move, or at least is considered so in political circles.

Politics and diplomacy apart, this tour of the Afghan monarch is one which is likely to benefit the world at large. It opens up Afghanistan to modern civilisation; it brings the ruler of the country into the open, as it were, and it should also lead to a better understanding as to what and where Afghanistan is and what it stands for. The close proximity of this little country of 250,000 square miles to India naturally gives Amir Amanullah and the British something in common; past differences on the North West Frontier make this point only too apparent, though such events as these enter in no way into any consideration of the Royal visit. The Treaty of November 22, 1921, effected two years after Amanullah conducted his successful coup upon the assassination of his father Habibullah, put all disagreement at rest. Then Afghanistan and Britain decided to respect one another's internal and external independence, to recognise the boundaries then in existence (always up to then a sore point), and to interchange Legations. As a result complete friendliness to-day reigns between the two Powers, a friendship afterwards sealed by the conclusion of Trade Agreement allowing the importation into Afghanistan free of duty of material required for the strengthening of the country and the export of British goods into Afghanistan.

STELLA DALLAS.

Ronald Colman's popularity with Hong Kong cinema-goers was proved again yesterday when "Stella Dallas" was shown at the World Theatre, with this British star in the role of Alice Joyce and Jean Harlow also in the cast. "Stella Dallas" will be screened for the last time to-day.

TRADE MARK CASE.

CHINESE FIRM'S CHOP OF 16 YEARS.

CANTON INFRINGEMENT.

The Hop Cheong firm of No. 166, Wing Lok-street, was this morning summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the instance of the Yuen Shui Pun firm of No. 112, Jervois-street, charging the defendants with "manufacturing a forged trade mark" which infringed in the complaint's trade mark.

The Magistrate questioned the wording of the summons, and the police stated that the warrant was applied for by Mr. F. X. d'Almada acting on behalf of the complainants, and the police merely executed it. They could not say who was responsible for framing the charge.

Charge Amended. The Magistrate remarked that it was quite obvious that there was no evidence that the defendant had actually manufactured the trade marks complained of as the goods came from Canton. The charge was accordingly amended to one of possession of goods to which a forged trade mark had been attached.

Mr. d'Almada who appeared in Court after the opening of the case, said that he was not consulted before the charge was framed, and agreed to the amendment suggested by his Worship.

Intended For Java. Replying to the amended charge, a representative of the defendant firm pleaded that the tea bearing the forged trade mark was got from a travelling trader.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. d'Almada said that his clients' brand had been on the market since 1906, and it could not be said that it was an unknown brand.

The defendant said that the tea was not for sale here in Hong Kong, but for export to Java. He did not open the cases and so did not know its contents. Delivery of the goods was accepted by his firm on March 8 and it was seized by the police on the same day.

Information Received. Asked how the complainants got wind of the matter, Mr. d'Almada said that information reached them from Canton through the Customs.

The defendant said that the travelling trader's name was Chan Cheong, and he had not dealt with this man before. He also produced a bill which gave the brand of tea as Cheong Li, but the boxes contained tea bearing the Yuen Kait Lam brand. He did not discover the difference because he did not open the boxes. In the ordinary course of events the boxes would not have been opened here but would be forwarded to Java as they were.

A Good Defence. Replying to the Magistrate, the defendant said that the goods were not ordered by his firm. It was consigned to his firm to be forwarded in their capacity as forwarding agents and Java merchants.

The Magistrate remarked that the defence was a good one, and the defendants had succeeded in shifting the onus from their shoulders.

Mr. d'Almada said that he would be satisfied if his Worship would merely order the confiscation of the goods complained of.

The Magistrate accordingly made the order and discharged the defendant.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RELIABILITY TRIAL.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir,—The Committee responsible for the recent motor cycle reliability trial is indebted to so many local companies and residents for assistance in the trial that writing personal letters of thanks is almost impossible. Some who took an active interest in the event are unknown to us and in view of these circumstances the Committee is compelled to ask the courtesy of your columns to express sincere thanks to all those who assisted in the organisation and successful running of the trial.

To a number of local companies, the names of which have already appeared in your columns, the Committee expresses its thanks for donations to the award fund and also for facilities they generously provided to lighten considerably the difficult task of marking the course.

The Committee also owes a deep debt of gratitude to the numerous local gentlemen who gave up their time to act as checkers, marshals, observers etc., to local motorists who placed cars at the Committee's disposal, to the Police Department for its interest and very ready co-operation, to the Press for its sympathetic interest in this first event and to all those who so willingly offered their services and by whose assistance the trial was carried through to a successful conclusion.

The wide publicity which these thanks will receive may convey to the many helpers the Committee's deep appreciation of their services.

H. G. SWINBURNE,
(Trial Secretary).

ROW OVER TIPS.

TEAHOUSE WAITER STABBED IN BACK.

EXCHANGE OF JOBS.

A waiter employed at a Chinese teahouse at No. 237, Queen's-road East was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital with a stab wound in the back, and a former foki in the same teahouse, in police custody charged with causing the injury, and will be produced before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy to-morrow.

The injured man, it appeared, works on the ground floor of the teahouse and the alleged assailant on the floor above. Recently they were ordered by the management to change places. As there were more tips to be got on the upper floor, the assailant became dissatisfied, and soon there was bad blood between the two waiters.

Thrown Downstairs. Then the assailant resigned and left the teahouse. Last night he was alleged to have visited the place with some companions and set upon the waiter, who in the scuffle was alleged to have been thrown downstairs, and then stabbed by his former foki while he lay on the ground.

The alleged assailant and his companions then absconded, but following information given by the wounded man, the police effected the wanted man's arrest a couple of hours after the incident.

QUEEN OF FIJI.

ADVENTURES OF M.P. ON HONEYMOON.

London, Jan. 23.

How they were presented to the 22nd. Queen of Fiji was told to a special correspondent of the "Weekly Despatch" yesterday by Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid and his wife (formerly Miss Mary Ashley), who has just returned from a seven months' world-tour honeymoon.

They started from New York, visited Canada, Honolulu, the Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon and Egypt, and ended up in Paris.

I asked Mrs. Cunningham-Reid what impressed her most in the whole world.

"The Grand Canyon, Colorado, is the most wonderful thing I have ever seen in my life," she said. "It thrilled me more than anything I saw during the whole of our trip—even more than the Pyramids."

Moustache Shaved.

"And the hottest place," she went on, "easily the hottest place was Fiji. We took off everything we possibly could."

"Including my moustache!" interrupted Captain Cunningham-Reid, sadly caressing his upper lip.

"Never mind," she retorted, "I've grown my hair long to make up for it."

"Fiji is the most attractive place," he continued. "Although it is so hot, the heat is absolutely dry. We were granted an audience by the Queen of Tonga, who is ruler of a part of the Fijis."

"She is twenty-two years old—and she weighs as many stone! In great state, she opens parliament each year, driving to it in an old Ford car, with her train spread over the hood, the rest of her suit following on foot behind."

"Before leaving she presented us with a beautifully woven 'rafa' mat—which is the main article of clothing of her subjects!"

"And the shingling over there is every bit as good as it is at home."

10,000 Feet of Film.

Mrs. Cunningham-Reid told me that, on landing in Honolulu, she was decked with a lovely wreath of fragrant "leis," garlands of flowers, which she had to wear until she left, when, according to custom, she threw them overboard one by one, as a symbol that she would return some time.

"As well as keeping a diary," she said, "we took 10,000 feet of film—to prove that we do not prevaricate."

"We loved New Zealand. Every one is so genuinely loyal to England, which to them is 'Home.' In Egypt I had the novel experience of crossing the Nile in a trolley, over the Assuan Dam (the building of which was largely financed by my grandfather, the late Sir Ernest Cassel) accompanied by three shiny black turbaned Arabs."

RUBBER ENQUIRY.

REPORT PUBLISHED BEFORE EASTER.

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P'RAPS—P'RAPE NOT!

"But Mr. Gletznik, this manuscript is identically the same as Shakespeare's Hamlet!"
"Vell—I ask you, can I help it he get de same idens?"

"As I really hadn't a chemise to wear, mother gave me fifty francs to buy some."
"Yes, and so?"
"So I bought a hat."

Granddaddy Satan: Well, sugar, what do you think of hell?
Critical Flapper: Not so hot, old dear, not so hot.

When once a flapper loves she always loves—somebody.

"I wish you'd speak to daughter," said the anxious Mrs. Brown to Mr. Brown. "I caught her kissing the iceman this morning."

"Good heavens!" exclaimed the father.

"Yes," continued Mrs. Brown. "Think of the idea of wasting her time with the iceman when we owe the butcher sixty dollars!"

"Rastus has run off with mahi wife."

"Why, ah thought he was yovah bes' frien'?"

"He is, but he don't know it yet."

Josephine—Are they engaged?
Georgiana—Not yet. He still buys orchestra seats when they go to a show!

Wife (to hero who has rescued husband from drowning)—Are you the fellow that rescued him?

Hero—Yes—but that's all right, ma'am.

Wife—All right! Where's his necktie?

"Are you sure it was a marriage license you gave me last month?"

"Certainly, sir; why?"

"Because I've led a dog's life ever since."

Stranger (to Red Cap)—How do you get out of this place, anyway?

Red Cap—Say, Boss, dey is so many ways o' gittin' outa dis place dat what I can't hardly see is how you remains in it.

Clerk (to lucky stockbroker)—I suppose you've pulled off any amount of good things lately?

The Broker—I picked up a good thing lately. It stood at 44 when I discovered it, and last week it touched 78.

Clerk—Good heavens! What was it?

Broker—A thermometer.

"Where is your doll, dear?" the family visitor asked a modern young miss.

"Oh," said the child calmly, "the boy next door has the custody of the doll and I'm awarded three lollipops a week alimony."

The jury had been out on the case all morning and was still undecided. The vote stood eleven to one for acquittal, but one old codger stubbornly held out for a verdict of guilty.

The sheriff came in at dinner time and inquired what they would have to eat.

"Wa-a-ll," said the foreman, disgustedly, "you kin bring us eleven dinners." Then he added, reflectively, "and a bale of hay."

Doctor (examining unconscious engineer)—Did that automobile hit his engine?

Fireman—No, the driver slowed up to let the train go by and the engine man fainted.

Bride (on honeymoon): This climb is difficult, could you get me a donkey?

Bridegroom (tenderly): But I am here, darling, lean on my shoulder.

Movie Director (to Scottish actor): In this scene you give away a hundred dollars.

The Actor: Where's my double?

"Do you believe in the power of prayer?"

"I would if you'd gone home an hour ago."

"Did the accused give you the impression of a drunken man on the night of the affair?"

"Yes, he was wearing a watch with an illuminated dial and was trying to light his cigar by it."

Experience may teach you a lesson, but the world doesn't care to hear you recite it.

Aunt Helen—Have you told any one of your engagement to Mr. Brown?

Edith—Not a soul, except Margaret, who thought he was going to propose to her.

"Nah!" the street orator is quoted, as saying in London "Opinion." "Any more interruptions?"

"Ladies, we are having a very ignorant of the 'offensive' times in which yer lives."

TRADE MARK

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Sport Columns

SOCCER FESTIVAL.

Shield Finals And The Lai Wah Cup.

MATCH FOR THE M. C. L.

Fixtures Announced By The H.K.F.A. Council.

Hong Kong will have a period of festive football which will bring enthusiasts in their thousands to see a number of important matches which begin on Saturday week and will last till the first part of April.

The date for the Shield-finals has been chosen. The draw for the Lai Wah Cup has been made. And there will be a charity match in aid of the Hong Kong Women's

HOME SOCCER.

Scottish International Trial Match.

Glasgow, Yesterday. In the trial match for Scotland's international soccer team, the Scots and Anglo-Scots (i.e. Scotsmen in the English League) drew, one goal each.—Reuter.

Guild and Ministering Children's League.

At a meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association last night, the following were announced:—

SHIELD FINALS.

April 7, on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley:—
Junior: St. Joseph's College v. Chinese Athletic Association Reserves.
Senior: Kowloon Football Club v. Police Recreation Club.

LAI WAH CUP.

March 21, 1st round, on the H.K.F.C. ground:—
Royal Navy v. Civilians.
April 6, 1st round, on the H.K.F.C. ground:—
Chinese v. The Army.
April 9, final, on the H.K.F.C. ground:—respective winners in first round.

M.C.L. MATCH.

March 31, The Army v. The Rest of the Colony.
The "Rest" team has been chosen by the Council as follows:—
Goal: Clarke (Police);
Backs: Wynne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.);
Halves: Leung Yuk-tong (Athletic), McKelvie (K.F.C.), Lam Yuk-ying (Athletic);
Forwards: Tao Kwai-shing (Athletic), Rocha (Recreation), Gosano (Recreation), Suen Kam-shun (Athletic), Chan Kwong-ku (Athletic).
Reserves: Wheeler (Kowloon), McBride (H.K.F.C.).

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Two League I matches are down for to-day, kick-off at 4.30 p.m., as follows:—
2nd Batt. K.O.S.B. v. Batt. Queen's Regt., Sookumpoo, referee Mr. Barber.
Royal Artillery v. 2nd Batt. Scots Guards, Chatham-road, referee Mr. Baldwin.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

GROWTH IN SCOTLAND REVIEWED.

DEBT TO THE SCHOOLS.

"The Growth of a Game" was the subject of an address delivered a few weeks ago in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, St. Andrew-street, Edinburgh, by Mr. J. Aikman Smith, a past president of the Scottish Rugby Union. Mr. Andrew Stewart, president of the Edinburgh Y.M.C.A., presided.

Giving some idea of the tremendous growth in popularity of Rugby football, Mr. Smith recalled that at the match played against England at Raeburn Place in 1873, the gross gate was £119, representing a crowd of about 2,000 people. If they contrasted that with the figures of a year ago, when they had in their present field at Murrayfield spectators amounting to 72,000, Mr. Smith said they would agree that the extraordinary increase in the game must be due to something good.

Debt to Schools.

The schools gave them the game of Rugby football. Whatever took place, they must never forget the debt they owed to them. While the international match was an important element in the game, it was not the most important. The committee, of which he had the honour to be one, governing the game in Scotland, had always re-

MOTOR CYCLE TRIAL.

KOTEWALL WINS WITHOUT LOSS OF POINTS.

BRITISH MACHINES' SUCCESS.

The result of the motor cycle reliability trial organised by the H.K.V.D.C. is as follows:—1st, J. E. Kotewall (3½ h.p. A.J.S.); 2nd, H. Kew (499 c.c. Rudge Whitworth); 3rd, J. Kindness (Norton) and F. Baker (Triumph)—a tie.

Kotewall's was a most creditable achievement as he came through the checks, secret and otherwise, with a perfectly clean sheet, and this with the course extending over a hundred miles of road and track and difficult hills. This record reflects the highest credit on machine and rider alike.

Kew lost three points only and Kindness and Baker five each.

The first three competitors win silver cups and Kotewall also wins the Cup confined to members of the Flying Squad, also the Sincere Cup confined to riders of machines under 500 c.c. The Motor Cycle Section Cup is won by Kindness.

The Consolation Prize is won by E. Dewhurst and the Team Prize by E. J. Spradbery, W. Taylor and B. S. Rogers. All these also rode British machines.

£40 RACE HORSE.

ONE OF FAVOURITES FOR GRAND NATIONAL.

A romantic story attaches to Mr. W. B. Ancill's horse Carfax, winner of the Stewards' Handicap Steeplechase at Gatwick and one of the favourites for the Grand National, to be run on March 30.

Bred from Drinmore out of Zena, a well-known flat racer, on Lord Greville's estates near Mullingar, in Ireland, he was not broken in until eight years old.

Two years after the war Lord Greville brought Carfax and Carfax's half-sister, Crazy Jane, over to England to use them as hunters with the Bicester. A trainer in the New Forest and a trainer in Bicester returned Carfax as a useless horse. He would not suffer a saddle on his back, and was quite untamable.

In despair, Lord Greville sold him to Mr. W. B. Ancill, a neighbouring farmer in Weston-on-the-Green, near Oxford for £40.

Mr. C. Ancill, Mr. W. B. Ancill's son, took some three years to break Carfax in, and had a collar-bone broken on three occasions.

Carfax subsequently became one of the most successful steeplechasers in England. He is now 12 years old.

garded, so far as he could tell, and always would regard, the principal interest in Rugby football to be club football. (Applause.)

Necessary Evil?

They would hardly dare say at this time that an international match was a necessary evil, but they had always deprecated, so far as possible anything in the nature of trials or other games to interfere with the clubs having their Saturday afternoon's sport. Alluding to a remark by the chairman to "last Saturday's debacle," Mr. Smith said it had disturbed the sleep of neither the Scottish players nor the Scottish Committee. They felt that their Welsh friends had come through the time the Scottish Union had after the war, and were pleased that they were going to get a little of the success Scotland had had. (Applause.)

Money Subscribed.

The policy of the Union had always been to try, so far as possible, to assist new clubs to get on their feet, but they must always do something for themselves. Not one penny of the money required for Murrayfield was asked from the general public. Every penny was subscribed by followers and upholders of the game of Rugby football. Even now many followers of the game were dying to give more money, but fortunately the Union did not require it.

Alteration of Rules.

Speaking of demands made for the alterations of the rules of the game, he said they would never agree to the game being made so fast that it could not be played without undue strain by schoolboys. Another thing they would never agree to was the recognition in any way of matches to be played between schoolboys of different countries. They did not believe in the glorification of schoolboys. They did not believe boys should be put in any false position over their fellow-schoolboys.

WEIGHTS OUT.

HANDICAPS FOR THIS SATURDAY.

EXTRA RACE MEETING.

Mr. C. M. S. Alves, the official handicapper, has allotted weights for five races at this Saturday's extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Bengal is at the top, 5 lbs. above another "Eve" pony, Boxing Eve. Details follow:—

Boa Vista Handicap (six furlongs): "A" CLASS.

Bengal	173
Boxing Eve	168
New Year's Eve	162
San Diego	162
Winsome Stag	159
San Francisco	159
Comrade	158
Duke of Verona	158
Chemal	158
Blackstone Hall	155
Little Sit Tang	154
Charlie (late Berechurch Hall)	153
Warrington	151
Macao Beauty	151
Mongolian Stag (late Dumfries)	151
O-Moon	151
Warlordship	150
Chow Tse Lon	150
King of the Plains	146
Ukelele	146

Boa Vista Handicap (six furlongs): "B" CLASS.

Festive Eve	162
Dobbin	162
Kom Tong Hall	159
May	159
Duke of Nieblung	158
Damaged Goods (late Four Horsemen)	158
Sunning	158
Pegasus (late Manor Hall)	158
Bing Boy	156
Boukka	154
Grey Knight	153
Chatto	152
Tarzan	152
Tarmacadam (late Fame Hall)	152
Northern Stag	150
Bright Eve	150
Man of War	150
Mowgli	148
Meenawille	148
Castle	145

Boa Vista Handicap (six furlongs): "C" CLASS.

District Coll.	163
Gold Medal	163
Easter Day	162
Grey Eyes	160
Barley Grass	159
Bright Prospect (late Limestone Hall)	157
Walchow	156
Sea Front	155
Brown Jug	155
Southern Stag	153
The Haugh	152
Nara Stag (late The Grouse)	150
Wine Boy (late Madeira)	150
Fire Call	150
Skipper	150
Silver Fox	150
Scooter	147
Sea Hawk (late Loch Lomond)	145
Slang River	145
Little River	145
Zia (late Temple Hall)	145

Kellett Handicap (1½ miles): "A" CLASS.

Bengal	173
Boxing Eve	168
San Diego	164
New Year's Eve	162
Comrade	158
Chemal	158
Coco Bay	155
Duke of Verona	153
Blackstone Hall	152
Mongolian Stag (late Dumfries)	151
Little Sit Tang	151
U-U II	150
Warrington	148
Warlordship	147
Ukelele	146
King of the Plains	145

Kellett Handicap (1½ miles): "B" CLASS.

Dobbin	164
Festive Eve	162
Horsford	160
Kom Tong Hall	159
May	159
Duke of Nieblung	158
Sunning	158
Pegasus (late Manor Hall)	158
Gold Medal	153
Grey Knight	153
Erstwhile	150
Man of War	150
Northern Stag	150
Chatto	149
Tarzan	149
Mowgli	148
Bright Prospect (late Limestone Hall)	145
Sea Front	145
Nara Stag (late The Grouse)	140
Southern Stag	140
Wine Boy (late Madeira)	140

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Several matches were played yesterday in the Hong Kong Cricket Club annual lawn tennis tournament. T. Honda (an ex-champion) had little difficulty in defeating K. T. San (a semi-finalist in the Malayan championship), in the second round of the open singles championship.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Singles (second round): T. Honda beat K. T. San 6-1, 6-1, 7-5; Chong Tuck-wing beat V. M. Tregear 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; E. C. Fincher beat S. S. Hussain 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A": Capt. E. H. Jacobs Larkcom (rec. 4/6) beat R. E. Greensmith (rec. 15/1) 6-4, 6-1; Rev. P. W. Alexander (owe 3/6) beat A. Piercy (rec. 15/2) 6-2, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles: A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Snyder (owe 15/1) beat Surg. Lt.-Com. H. Hursk and Dr. J. R. Craig (scr.) 6-2, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. Armstrong and G. W. Sewell (owe 15/3) beat Mrs. C. Blaker and G. Miskin (owe 1/16) 6-4, 6-1.

Open Singles: Ho Ka-lau v. Lim Peng-chin.

Handicap Singles "A": J. E. Henry (rec. 15/1) v. G. C. Grove (owe 1/6); R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) v. G. F. H. Richard (rec. 2/6).

Handicap Doubles: I. H. C. Highet and J. Wilkie (rec. 15/1) v. W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence (rec. 5/8); H. Owen Hughes and H. R. Remington (owe 3/6) v. Dr. G. E. Aubrey and G. W. Sewall (owe 3/6); R. H. B. Hancock and C. B. Johnson (owe 3/6) v. Capt. E. H. L. Jacobs Larkcom and Capt. B. R. Forster (scr.); W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 2/6) v. T. G. Bennett and M. M. Watson (rec. 15/1).

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. W. Woodward and C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 2/6) v. Miss Coppin and A. G. Coppin (rec. 15/4).

BOY PEERS.

YOUNG BARON TO BE AN ENGINEER.

London, Feb. 2. The list of peers who are minors in this country has this week been increased to twenty-nine by the deaths of Lord Haig and Lord Warwick, both of whom have been succeeded by young sons.

The eldest on the list is Baron Pentland, who will attain his majority on June 6, 1923. He has only just become "senior minor" peer, for Baron de Clifford became twenty-one years of age on January 30. The baby minor peer is the Earl of Gainsborough, who will not be of age until 1944.

Baron Pentland, who succeeded his father in 1925, is at present working out the last few months of his minority with an engineering firm in Glasgow.

Premier Duke. Baron Acton will also attain his majority this year—on December 15. The Duke of Norfolk and Viscount Harcourt will both celebrate their twenty-first birthdays next year. The Duke of Norfolk, the premier duke, with his historic castle and immense wealth, is one of the most interesting young bachelors in England. His coming-of-age on May 30, 1923, is certain to be an event of outstanding interest.

The Marquis Townshend is one of the most interesting of the minor peers, because two years ago a threat was revealed to kidnap him. Little Lord Townshend, who is now nearly twelve years of age, showed promise of being a keen sportsman when he was a small boy.

The most important minor earl on the list is Lord Shrewsbury and Talbot, premier earl on the roll in England and Ireland, who was born in 1914, and succeeded to the title in 1921.

ACTOR READS PART.

MR. HAYDEN COFFIN FILLS SUDDEN VACANCY.

The unusual spectacle of a West End actor reading his part from a book was seen at the Little Theatre, when "Our Idols" was produced.

Before the curtain rose Mr. Hayden Coffin, who produced the play, announced that Mr. Edwin Fraser had been taken suddenly ill and that he (Mr. Coffin) would have to take the part of an African planter and read it with a book in his hand.

"Our Idols," the work of Mr. Comber Watt, who is new to the West End, is described as a mystery play with a "big idea," and deals with a faith-healing clergyman who reforms an atheist, a hypocritical planter from Africa, and a thoughtless old lady who owns slums.

500 YEARS AGO.

CONTROL OF PRICES IN LONDON.

"D.O.R.A."

A colourful account of the life of the mediaeval Londoner was given by Mr. A. H. Thomas to the members of the British Archaeological Society, in London. There was, it seems, a rigid control of food prices in the Fifteenth Century, and a curtailment of the freedom of the subject which would render even "D.O.R.A." dumb with envy.

Life, said the lecturer, was very restricted, and bound about by Parliamentary and Civic decrees. "In fact," he added, "our life today is free as the air compared with that of the mediaeval Londoner."

Astology.

Cleanliness and sanitation were, of course, in their infancy, with the result that plagues were frequent and accompanied by high mortality figures. Medical science relied in the main upon astrology and magic, and it would seem that such sick citizens as escaped the attentions of the quacks were almost sure to receive their death blow from the regular practitioners.

The mind of the mediaeval Londoner was incapable of finding any merit in a man who bought a thing cheap and sold it at an enhanced price, and frequent attempts were made by Mayoral Courts to standardise the prices of commodities.

Labour troubles were not unknown, but in those days any attempt at strikes, picketing, or intimidation always ended in Newgate. The public opinion of the day had but little use for this sort of thing, and in nearly every decree, proclamation, Act of Parliament, or criminal indictment the words "the public good" figured much.

FOR INVENTORS.

DEVICES THAT WOULD BRING FORTUNES.

London, Feb. 1. Inventors and would-be inventors! Wrap the proverbial wet towels round your brows, hold your left forefingers to your foreheads, and think hard. Fame and fortunes await you. There are 339 things for which the world is waiting. Let your brain cells "get busy." Be Edison's.

The first part of your thinking is already done for you. We know what we want. It is "up to" you to supply the goods. And one for old can learn, by buying the fascinating booklet "What's Wanted," published by the Institute of Patentees, just the lines on which the inventor cerebrum should work.

World's Needs. Here are some of the world's requirements:—
A patent tent for a baby's feeding bottle regulating the flow of milk. Inventors should hurry up on this, because the birth-rate indicates that patent babies as well as bottles will soon be wanted.

A device for producing coppers one by one with a gloved hand when wearing an overcoat.—May it be added that a device for producing coppers from an empty pocket would be even more appreciated.

A temperance drink that will keep.—Most temperance drinks do "keep," however.

An automatic slot machine that will hand out a bottle of liquid refreshment after closing time.—There is a fortune in this.

A silent lawn mower.—Suburban will erect a monument to the man who achieves this.

Science has more complicated requirements. A means of conveying speech direct to paper, a noiseless aeroplane, a cure for cancer and consumption, all kinds of things for motor-cars and wireless and telephones, the transmission of speech by light, a device to stop ships from rolling, a non-peeling rustless substitute for nickel plating, a sensitised paper for photographs which will print in colour, a stroboscope (not to be confused with the existing Struboscope) are all needed.

Capt. the Hon. Michael and Lady Doreen Knatchbull left England for the Far East on February 8, and will not return until the beginning of August.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—World Theatre; "Stella Dallas."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Unholy Three."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Two Arabian Knights."

March 15—Dance at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

March 15-17—Queen's Theatre; "My Best Girl."

March 15-17—World Theatre; "The Understanding Heart."

March 15-17—Star Theatre; "The Sap."

March 22—Musicals at Helena May Institute.

March 25—Dance given by Club de Recreo, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

March 27—Dinner and Concert at Club Lusitano, 7.30 and 9.15 p.m. respectively.

Sports.

To-day—Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI v. 3/15th Punjab, U.S.R.C. ground, 5.15 p.m.

To-day—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa") Trophy starting at 4 p.m.

To-day—Whist drive at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A., 7 p.m.

March 17—Extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

March 19—23 Billiard matches, Club Lusitano, 6 p.m.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fanning.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanning Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting).

Lammet's Auctions.

March 15—Goods & Chattels of Mrs. F. K. Cameron of 13, Queen's-road Central, 10 a.m.

March 15—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

March 17—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., one Studebaker Motor car (5-seater) and one Cadillac Motor car (7-seater), noon.

Meetings.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

March 20—Yearly meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldgs., noon.

March 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

March 21—Thirty-ninth annual meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

March 26—Fifty-ninth general meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Rev. Mr. R. T. Venn, M.A., Chaplain of H.M.S. "Titanic" preaches "The Meaning of Repentance" at St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

March 15

A MONKEY HUNT.

SPORT WHICH LASTED A WEEK.

ON A LINER.

Officers of the Elder Dempster liner "Appam," which arrived at Plymouth from the West Coast of Africa, told an extraordinary story of a monkey hunt on the outward voyage.

Before leaving Liverpool the "Appam" took on board 40 young monkeys for inoculation experiments in connection with yellow fever research. They were in three boxes, and when one escaped it was decided to transfer them all to the ship's live-stock room. This was done, but by some means the whole tribe escaped from this room and scattered all over the ship.

Some swarmed up the masts, others sought refuge in the wireless room, some found their way to the bridge. Officers and passengers, of whom there were about 100 on board, all joined in the hunt, but it was not until a whole week had passed that all the monkeys were rounded up.

Then, to the amazement of everybody, when the monkeys were counted it was found that there were 44 instead of 40. It is assumed that a mistake was made in the number when the monkeys were shipped.

The monkeys were landed at Lagos.

SECRET TRIALS.

NO JUSTICE WITHOUT PUBLICITY.

Mr. Fry, the Bow-street magistrate, expressed the opinion that justice could not be done in the courts without complete publicity.

He was dealing with the case in which Lieut. Commander Colin Mayers, R.N., retired, summoned the police for the return of documents and plans relating to submarines which were seized when he was arrested last March for an offence under the Official Secrets Act. Commander Mayers was subsequently bound over for the technical offence of retaining papers contrary to his duty. The Admiralty applied that the documents should be given to them.

The case had been adjourned for Mr. Fry to consider the application of the Solicitor-General, Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C., for the case to be heard in camera.

Mr. Fry now said that to consent to the application involved an invasion of the rights of the public and of the Press who represented them. Power to hear cases in camera under the Official Secrets Act was limited to an offence under the Act or proceedings on appeal. This would appear to conclude the matter, but the Solicitor-General contended that summary courts also possessed the inherent rights of all courts to try cases in camera. He (Mr. Fry) could find no precise authority that summary courts possessed such powers.

Publicity Safeguard.

To act otherwise than by hearing this case in camera would be to defeat the very object of the legislature which empowered the court so to hear the original charge, and he therefore agreed to sit privately. Mr. Fry added:

But I hope I may not be taken to assent to the proposition that a summary court may lightly or upon a notion that justice may more conveniently or decently be done in private close its doors to the public.

Indeed, it is with considerable reluctance that I agree with the particular circumstances of a peculiar case to make what at first sight appears an inroad upon the inveterate rule of publicity for summary courts which, for nearly 80 years, Parliament has enjoined and the judiciary enforced, being convinced by experience that without the protection of complete publicity justice cannot properly be done.

The hearing was then continued in camera, and at the close of the evidence the public and Press were again admitted.

Applications Dismissed.

Mr. Fry then stated that except for the documents which the Admiralty had agreed should be returned he was not prepared to order the return of any of the papers and both applications would be dismissed.

Four shop burglaries in High-street, Bromley, Kent, believed to be the work of a gang of youths, have occurred within a few days of each other.

Mr. F. H. Suckling, A.S.A., general manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., returned to the Colony on the "President."

ANCIENT CULTURE.

HERCULANEUM PROVED BY FINDS.

RARE MOSAICS.

Rome.—Mystery and secrecy surround the new excavation of Herclaneum, the ancient city destroyed in the eruption of 79 A.D., when work was begun seven months ago, in the presence of the King. Professor Maiuri, who is in charge of the work, has been given free hand by the authorities regarding the manner of excavating and the publication of results. No one is allowed near the excavations and military police surround the district.

An enterprising cinema operator succeeded in getting through and took pictures, but he was arrested when he was leaving the place and his machine was taken from him.

In spite of all these precautions it has been possible to find out how work is progressing. The excavations were begun in May, in what is known as the De Bisogne farm, here former work had been suspended. The owner of that property, Marchese de Bisogne, placed no obstacles in the way of the expropriation by the government. This point was chosen, as the volcanic material, though lying to a depth of nearly seventy-five feet, was not volcanic tufa and is similar to the ashes and pumice which buried Pompeii.

Method of Excavation.

While the greater part of Herclaneum was destroyed by a mixture of pozzolana, lava, pumice, volcanic ashes and uncalined lime, which, in a short time, owing to its being mixed with volcanic vapour and water, hardened into tufa stone, there were certain districts which felt the effect of this lava much less than others.

The system used is no longer the shaft system adopted by the Bourbons in the eighteenth century, and by which they excavated the marvellous collection of marble statues and bronzes now forming the greatest treasures of the National Museum of Naples, but the horizontal, which has been so successful in excavating the Street of Abundance at Pompeii.

The present excavations have been undertaken not so much for the purpose of digging out statues and bronzes but rather for the finer idea of throwing light on the history of the city. For this reason all volcanic material is removed in layers, and houses, gardens and all edifices are cleared and left standing in their original position.

Herclaneum was closely linked with Greek culture. Its inhabitants were the leisure class from Rome and the nearby Neapolis—poets, scientists, members of the imperial family and of the court as well as all those wealthy Romans who sought quiet and solitude in this marvellous city. Its climate was ideal, and though Ovid in his writings propagated for the near-by city of Pompeii, where in the summer there was a cool breeze through the plane trees, the Romans preferred Herclaneum.

Was City of Villas.

It was a city of villas, unlike Pompeii, which was a commercial city, and underneath must be buried many wonderful houses. During the excavations of four centuries only five houses have been excavated. From one of the houses, which belonged to Lucius Calpurnius Pisone, excavated more than a century ago, was taken a library consisting of 1,800 papyri.

This house had a wonderful peristyle, with twenty-six columns and a portico with twelve columns. Ancient writers also mention a Villa of Agrippina, of the imperial family, and one of Appius Claudius Pulcher, descendant of the Tribune, who brought about the banishment of Cicero from Rome. Owing to the possibility of finding these and many other villas, the present excavations capture the interest of all archaeologists.

There is considered to be strong likelihood that one day some wonderful discovery may be made. The excavations have been slow, as the present method necessitates not only removing all the volcanic material carefully, but also examining and docketing the finds and photographing the spot where they were found. While electric drills have made it possible to clear away the hardened covering, the work must be slow. An idea can be gathered of the care with which the new excavations are being undertaken by the fact that only 155 feet of the street has been entirely cleared in the seven months that the excavations have been in progress.

Bronze and terra cotta utensils have been found which show that the spot was a place of residence. The original level was reached, in front of the buildings, and the street was found to be intact, with its evenly cut paving blocks of lava stone.

The ancient city was laid out geometrically and divided into rectangular blocks of buildings by two main streets at right angles to each other.



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side streets intersecting. Unlike the streets of Pompeii, which were not in particularly good state of preservation, those of Herclaneum show that greater care was taken in paving the city.

Buildings Yet Uncovered.

When this street was unearthed the buildings on each side were examined. They are still covered with volcanic mud and stand like two walls on each side, but it has been ascertained that eventually they can be explored without great difficulty. Besides the main street a cross street leads north toward the other principal streets, and along this was cleared the upper portion of a gate belonging to a large building.

Herclaneum was full of porticos, like other Greek cities. In a fresco discovered there are views of these porticos, which served the purpose of a forum. Pedestrians were sheltered from the sun and rain and here merchants brought their wares for sale. The discovery of the principal street and the cross street is important, as it fixes the topography of the city, just as ancient writers said it was.

So far only twelve feet of this gate has been exposed and its architecture of wood, though charred, still remains in place. A portion of a lofty cornice has been excavated and there are also columns in brick without their stucco facing, which leads to the belief that this was the portico in front of the main residence.

work had to be interrupted at this point as the ground had been weakened by shafts which were dug during the excavations of the Bourbons in the eighteenth century. The whole section threatened to collapse, so work was continued in another direction.

Professor Maiuri, realising that this building must be of great importance, decided to resume the excavations from another direction. Besides a great accumulation of earth and volcanic mud there is also a villa which will have to be demolished as underneath lie ancient baths which have never been explored. It will take many months before the work in this section can be resumed as the work of expropriating and demolishing the modern houses will take at least a year.

Two Houses Cleared.

A marvellous decoration was cleared on the wall of the ancient edifice excavated. Near by was cleared a shop, with its wooden windows still in place but charred by the molten volcanic ashes in 79 A.D. Another house was cleared with an iron grating; the windows were intact.

Work was begun in another direction for the purpose of clearing two houses which had been partly brought to light during the former excavations. They are called the House of the Skeleton and of the Mosaic pavement, because there such paving was clear.

room, the garden and peristyle, as well as the other rooms, were entirely excavated. These show that houses in Herclaneum were not built on the Roman plan, but instead from the front door one entered a roofless atrium, with the peristyle to one side.

The streets around the houses have been cleared. In the House of the Mosaic Pavement seven rooms were found, all with admirably preserved pavements. One of the most beautiful one is in marvellous beautiful one is in black and white mosaics, with a design of black clover on a white ground. There is also a marble staircase leading to a second floor, which is now being cleared. Adjacent houses have been explored and their frescoed walls examined. Necessary preparations have to be made for their unearthing during the next few months, as close by on the modern level are the houses of the town of Resina.

Unless elaborate precautions are taken the risk of damaging the frescoes is great. The usual process is to strengthen each wall before the removal of volcanic material. When the wall is cleared it is reinforced with wire mesh with a special preparation to prevent its crumbling into dust.

Work Progresses Slowly.

The discovery of mosaic pavements in every room demonstrates that Herclaneum was rich in marble; in Pompeii only the entertaining rooms were paved in this way. Here they were used in all

the smaller rooms as well. An idea of how much marble was used in Herclaneum is given in the memoirs of De Voga, who in the eighteenth century examined the ruins and drew the only accurate map of the city. Herclaneum was a forgotten city from the date of the eruption until the sixteenth century. Over its ruins towns have been built and farms and vineyards laid out. The very existence of Herclaneum was almost a fable.

A marble merchant was crossing the fields in this district one day and saw two boys playing with marble tiles. His expert eye recognised that they were not ordinary marble, but rare African. He asked the boys where they had found their playthings. The boys pointed to a mound in the farmyard. The marble cutter for a few coppers bought what lay there. To transport the fragments of marble it was necessary to load seven or eight donkeys. The merchant made a fortune when he brought the fragments to Naples and sold them to make altars and pavements for the churches. There were large and small fragments of the rarest marbles. They had been brought up by the plow when the farms had been tilled. What he obtained that day sufficed for work which lasted as long as he lived.

It has been discovered during the excavations that even the cellars were lined and paved with marble.

FIRST AIR PASSAGE.

MILLIONAIRE CHARTERS A "LINER."

London, Feb. 1. The first air passage to the Cape has been booked.

Mr. Van Lear Black, a Dutch-American millionaire, has chartered an entire K.L.M. air liner, in which he will leave Croydon shortly on his 6,000-mile flight.

Mr. Van Lear Black is a remarkable man. He has widespread business interests. Wherever he wants to go he flies.

He has covered more than 40,000 miles by air in the past year, including a trip to Batavia and back, which occupied thirty-nine days, and included stops at Bagdad, Calcutta, and Bangkok, and a stay of a week in Java.

The accommodation for passengers is removed from the cabin of the air liner for Mr. Van Lear Black, and easy chairs, a canelounge, and small tables are substituted.

He will have the same two Dutch pilots, Geysendorffer and Scholte, on his forthcoming Cape flight as on the previous trips.

The machine will be a type of Fokker, fitted with three British Jupiter engines.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES.

WHITE APPEARS IN THE EVENING MODE.



Jewelled Trimming Adds to the Effectiveness of the All White Evening Gown—Draped Fullnesses Are Important.

The all white evening gown is again making its chic appearance. It is being seen in all the new materials and is apparently as popular in the 'dull' georgette crepes as in the glittering of the chiffon laces. Velvets in their subtle softness are attracting much attention in all white and the soft sheen of the fabric makes it one of the most popular materials to use in the new draped effects.

A feature of particular charm in the new white evening gowns is the jewelled trimming that makes them so effective. The jewelled girdle is especially noteworthy in the glittering beauty. Girdles, as a matter of fact, are an extremely important part of the evening mode. They may be wound once or twice around the hip to give interesting lines and as often as not fasten with a strass of jewelled buckle. Straight belts of satin, too, appear finished with strass buckles.

A jewelled effect at various places is much to be desired in the all white gown. Glittering embroidery, panels, buckles, and laces make the use of white most effective in the evening.

Mary Astor, looking especially young in soft white georgette crepe evening gown, wears an example of the glittering mode in the trimming of rhinestones and "cat" heads. The girdle, and particularly the flower, of rhinestones introduce a new note of brilliant effectiveness. Miss Astor is seen wearing this evening costume in the First National film, "No Place to Go."

It is not only in the trimming that many of the new white evening gowns glitter for the laces with their silver threads give the lustre so desirable. White, more with rhinestone fastenings is good, too. Velvet with its own lustre makes one of the most effective of the new evening gowns in white. White lace in very full lines is an example of the picturesque mode and often uses glittering trimming to add to its beauty. The chic folds of the skirt and the side fullnesses that are so important a part of the winter mode, however, are seen to special advantage in the dull lustre of white georgette crepe.

THE YOUTHFUL NOTE.



Paris Finds It Possible to Emphasize Youth in its Frocks of Black—Even in Formal Velvets.

There is a possibility that youth will be stressed even in a season where the formal note is used to denote all that is chic. Simplicity in the costumes, while not always the dominant note, is one that is not being neglected for the person who wears and looks best in the frock of youthful charm and simplicity.

Black velvet happens to be one of the season's favourite fabrics. It appears in many costumes for both formal and informal appearances. There are dresses of black velvet that spell almost severe outlines and the simplest of details in the matter of trimming. And there are, too, costumes of black velvet that may be seen for the most formal of parties. Rhinestones, laces and appliques do their utmost to make effective the formal frock of black velvet.

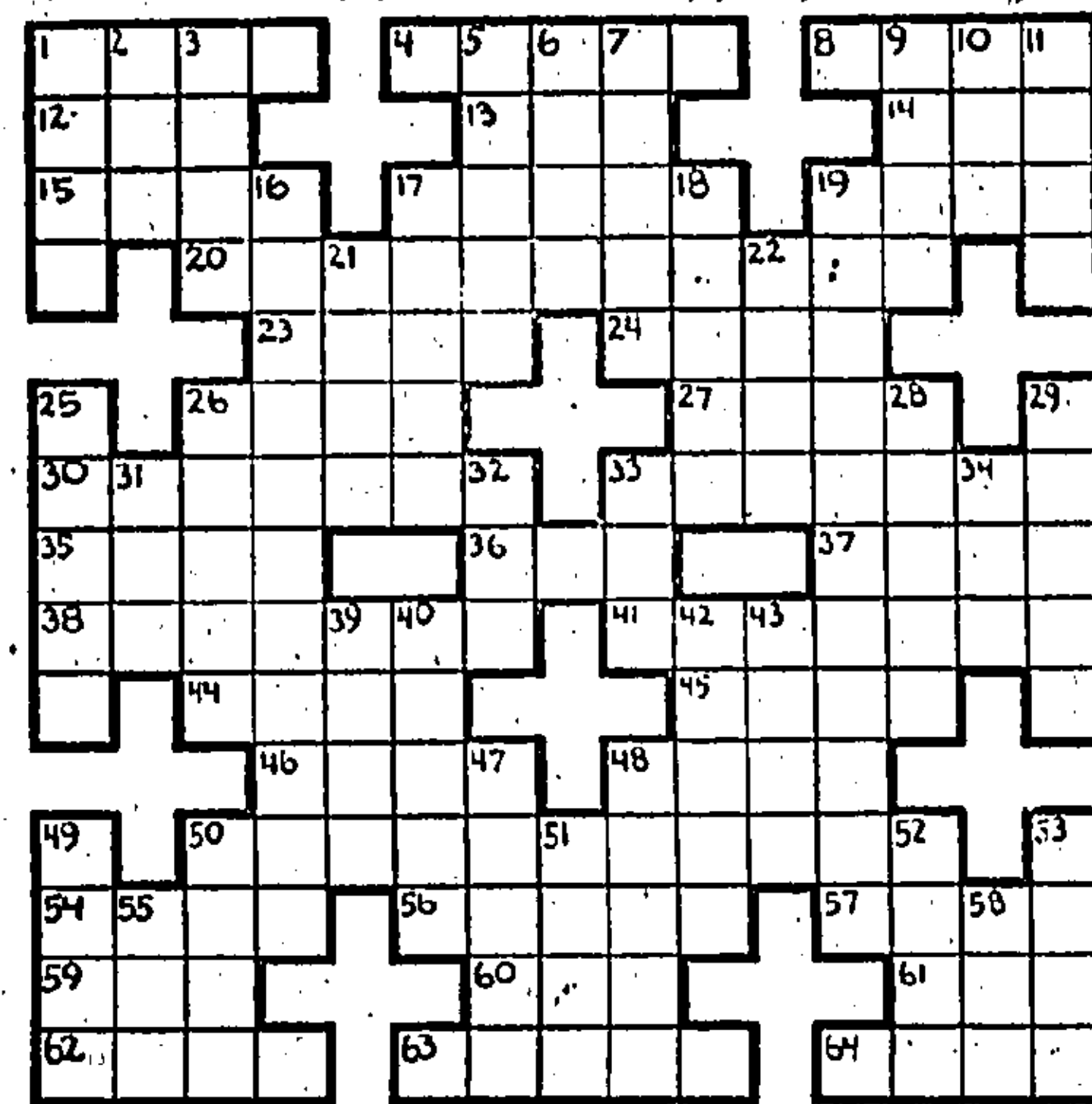
The youthful note that is so very smartly inspired in many of the new frocks obtains its charm through simplicity of line and of trimming. There is an absence of panels, side fullnesses and points and rather a stressing of the slender silhouette.

Virginia Lee Corbin, a type demanding simplicity in all her clothes, has selected a frock of charming lines in the new sheer velvet. Its buttons down the front and around the collar and cuffs are its only trimming. The black is particularly effective to the very blonde prettiness of Miss Corbin. In First National's "No Place to Go," Miss Corbin wears this costume as well as several others indicating the new mode in fall and winter clothes.

Its observation posts. It was no master-mind in a dressmaker's which instructed civilised woman that the time had come to cut short her skirts. No great and noble exemplar led the way. The voice of the people, the female people, spoke, and the short skirt was revealed for the first time in 3,000 years. Ours not to reason why, We ask vainly what is the cause of these convulsions of Nature. None can predict when they will transform our world, or how they will work out their course. But some of the effects can be traced in all their enormity. It is not to the moral but to the economic scale that we refer. The skirtless leg, its owners testify, has increased their available energy beyond cal-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Every
- 4-To harass
- 8-What is the masculine form of "naive"?
- 12-A title of respect
- 13-Girl's name (short)
- 14-Lacking moisture
- 16-A careless person (slang)
- 17-Authoritative commands that something be done
- 19-What is the chief official of a cathedral?
- 20-Discomfiment
- 23-In angling what is an artificial bait?
- 24-Heated moderately
- 26-Wide-mouthed pct
- 27-Falshood
- 30-What is the brightest star in the constellation of Auriga?
- 33-What is one of the small stone blocks in a mosaic pavement?
- 35-A row
- 36-I have (contr.)
- 37-A dark eruptive rock
- 38-Attired
- 41-Designates
- 44-Tip
- 45-Gait

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 46-Who was commander in chief of British forces in the World War?
- 48-Son N. E. of Russia
- 50-What is a man who is thoughtful of others?
- 54-A grain
- 56-Customary pursuit
- 57-Combining form. Outside
- 59-A substantive ending
- 60-A excavate
- 61-To plunder
- 62-Daybreak
- 63-Site of the Krupp factories
- 64-Vast

VERTICAL

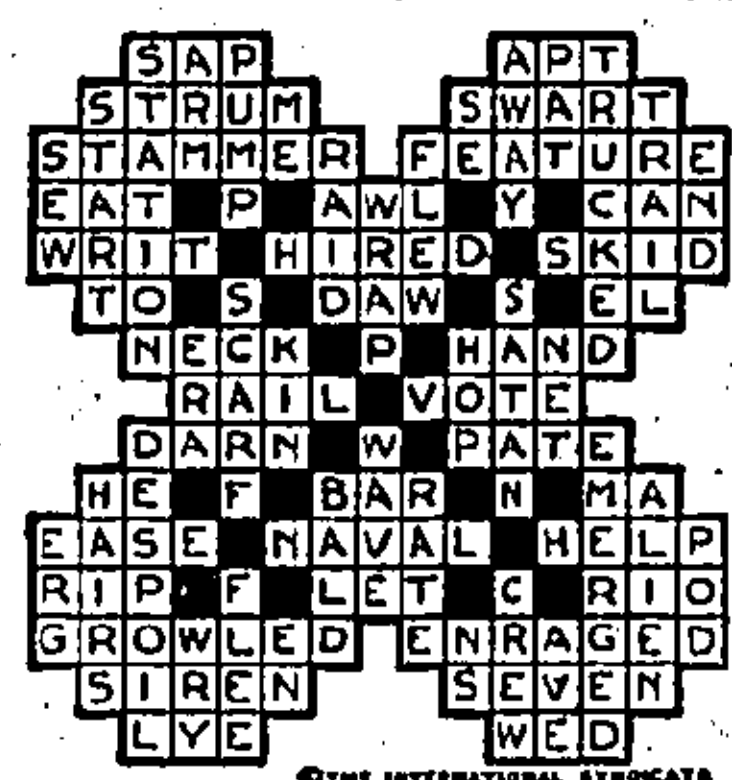
- 1-What is the Latin for "to be"?
- 2-To feel sick
- 3-To mow
- 5-The choicest part of society
- 6-To aspire
- 7-What springs in South Carolina were the scene of British victory, Sept. 8, 1781?
- 9-What British peninsula and seaport is in Arabia?
- 10-Man's name

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-A loch in S. W. Scotland
- 16-What Greek hero slew the Chimera and perished in attempting to scale heaven on the horse Pegasus?
- 17-Wild
- 18-Frito
- 19-To tame
- 21-Of no legal force
- 22-A flower
- 26-Performed
- 28-Musical drama
- 29-A twilled silk or worsted stuff
- 29-An interval of time
- 31-Own (Scott.)
- 32-Help
- 33-What is the most widely known Chinese shrub?
- 34-Went rapidly
- 35-A leguminous plant
- 40-To be
- 42-To dispense with
- 43-Girl's name
- 47-Enriches
- 48-A light anchor
- 49-Light clouds driven before the wind
- 50-A gang
- 51-Raised platform
- 52-Unbleached
- 53-A globular protuberance
- 55-Girl's name
- 59-To dress in one's best

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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culation, and we are bound to accept their assurance that this is for the general good. But the deletion of their draperies has upset the textile trade. Many a loom, Edwin Stockton tells us, in the Bradford and those other districts which manufactured the stuffs that skirts are made of now stands idle. The trade has gone to Nottingham and Leicester, where they knit stockings, and can hardly find workers to knit enough, so many more, so much more glorious, are the stockings nowadays required by the fair. And thus the whirligig of time brings in its revenges. When, for reasons mysterious as these which have induced the revelation of the female leg, man decided that his legs must be hid, when the decent obscurity of trousers came to shroud the masculine calf, from ages immemorial unconcealed, the stocking-knitters lived dark days.

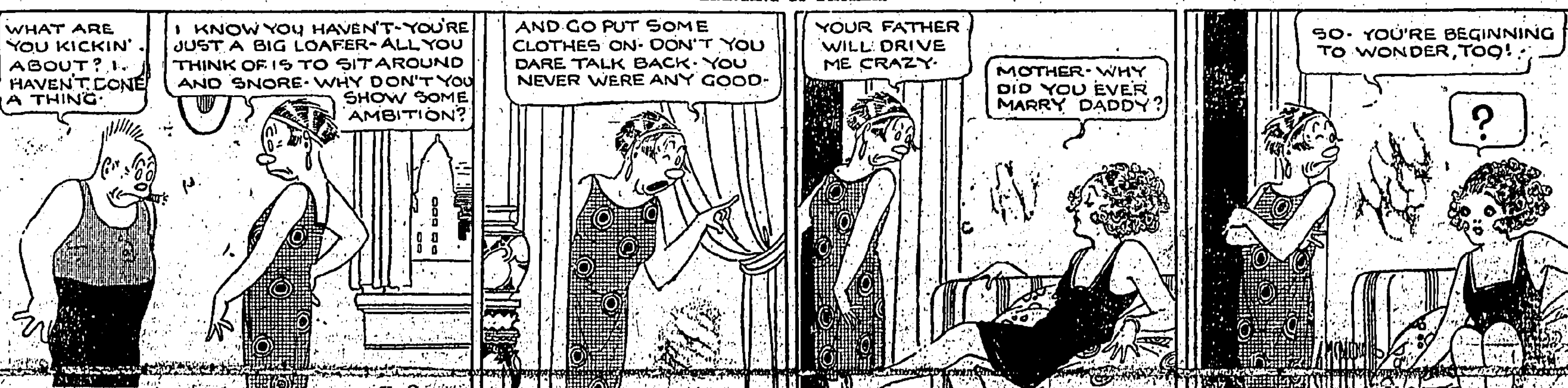
A change of fashion may be very hard on working folk. Scott thought it worth while to record the lament of the old barber who had once made wigs for all the old gentry and was left with only two to dress. The wig-makers of London protested to King George III. that they were falling into great distress because gentlemen would wear their own hair, and prayed relief. But his Majesty could not stop wigs going out, and cruel wits said that it would have been as reasonable to ask him to make a fashion for wooden legs by wearing one. The passing of wigs is easy enough to understand. The mystery is how they ever came in. The vicissitudes of lace are more puzzling. It was never more prized than in the eighteenth century. A man's "hands must be covered with fine Brussels lace," a lady's elbows "with ruffles sixteen." Then the French Revolution came and lace went out. All was sim-

licity, muslin and gauze and family collections of old lace, almost as precious and quite as beautiful as the family jewels, were "handed over as rubbish to the waiting-maid," and the lace-makers fell on penury. Yet why should liberty or equality or fraternity prefer muslin to lace? We ask in vain. What principle of modern thought is it that has required all trousers to be turned up? These are the riddles without an answer. No mute, inglorious Brummell led us on. Neither our beauty nor our convenience is enhanced. But that universal trick has, Sir Edwin Stockton tells us, set up a trade; it has "created demand for the fancy sock," for your man of taste, he lays down, and we bow our diminished heads, must now expose to view decorated socks to harmonise with his trousers, with the general scheme of his dress, and, we suppose, with his complexion and his moral tone. The obligations thus crowding upon us are so exacting that we can write no more. A manufacturer, says our mentor, must never hesitate to adapt himself to the latest tendencies of the day. And shall the humble penman not be adapted too?

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GALLANT EXPLORER IN
GREENLAND.

DIES IN COPENHAGEN.

The death is announced, in a letter message from Copenhagen, of Colonel J. P. Koch, chief of the Danish Army Air Force. Colonel Koch in earlier years was a well-known Arctic explorer, and took part in several Greenland expeditions, including that led by Lieutenant G. Amstrup, which explored the coast northwards from Angmagssalik in 1900. He was also a member of the Danish expedition to Greenland in 1905-8, and was the leader of the inland ice expedition four years later which crossed from east to west. The last journey was fraught with many perils and privations. The expedition, which, in addition to its leader, consisted of Dr. Wegener, a sailor named Larsen, and an Icelandic named Vilfus Sigurdson, was landed from the Godthaab on July 24, 1912, on the east coast of Greenland. Thirteen of the sixteen ponies of the expedition immediately stampeded, but ten of them were afterwards recaptured; and the expedition, also lost its motor-boat, which went to the bottom. Three weeks passed before the ice was sufficiently strong to bear sledges and horses. Just at this time Dr. Wegener fell and broke a rib. In spite of strenuous efforts, the expedition failed to reach Queen Louise Land, and Captain Koch decided to winter on the inland ice. All the horses except five were slaughtered. Those which remained were kept with the expedition all the winter and were fed from time to time on the flesh of the others. At the end of October, during a sleighing expedition to Queen Louise Land, Captain Koch fell into a 40ft deep crevasse, breaking his right leg. He was laid up in the winter hut for three months, and it was not until March that sleighing could be resumed. On April 20 the expedition left the winter quarters with five sledges and five horses, to begin the 750-mile march over the inland ice to the west coast of Greenland. During the first forty days violent blizzards raged, and the horses became snow-blind, and so exhausted that three of them had to be killed.

On the expedition pushing further forward into the interior the weather improved, but the rays of the sun began to torment the travellers, and burned the skin off their faces, which were soon covered with raw wounds. Unfortunately, the last horse was slaughtered on the day that Captain Koch sighted land from the inland ice. The gallant creature had tramped upwards of 700 miles, right across Greenland, and the loss of the faithful animal greatly distressed its human friends. As it turned out, splendid pasture was only a few miles away. For thirty-five hours the men were without food, sheltering under a projecting rock, and when they wished to continue the march they were so exhausted from hunger, cold, and wet that they were not able to get on. They then killed their dog, which had accompanied them the whole way, cooked the flesh, and were just about to eat it when a sailing boat hove in sight and took the worn-out explorers to Proven, where they were received with the greatest kindness by the colonists.

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March	a.m.	p.m.
14	6.34	6.52
15	6.33	6.53
16	6.32	6.53
17	6.31	6.53
18	6.30	6.53
19	6.29	6.54
20	6.27	6.54
21	6.27	6.55
22	6.26	6.56
23	6.25	6.56
24	6.24	6.56
25	6.23	6.56
26	6.22	6.57
27	6.21	6.57
28	6.20	6.57
29	6.19	6.57
30	6.18	6.58
31	6.17	6.58

"The time will come," shouted the speaker, "when women will get men's wages."

"Yes," said a little man in the corner. "Next Friday night."

WOMAN DIVER.

SURPASSES MEN IN FEATS
UNDER WATER.

PERILOUS WORK.

Diving for treasure on the floor of the ocean is a profession, and it is not overcrowded. When civilised people undertake exploration of the depths, cumbersome apparatus is used, helpers and machinists are necessary, expenses are high and life insurance men look with disfavour upon the diver.

With increasing depth the pressure of water on the human body causes fearsome pain and the strongest people, untrained, seldom go deeper than fifty feet at their first attempt and then for only a few seconds. And they are equipped with diving suits and air.

Woman Champion.

Yet natives all over the world, where pearl shell is found, work under water from thirty to 150 feet without diving bell, suit or head-gear, gathering shell and, unless they find pearls, they are fortunate if expenses have been met after a five-month season.

Training from childhood on is necessary to strengthen heart and lungs, so that they can withstand the terrific strain on the body.

Among all such races the Paumotu islanders in the Pacific easily take first rank. There are thousands of them dependent on this developed ability for subsistence, and in their songs and tales told in the strongest of their tribes, the battle with sea monsters and sea spirits, and wealth and honour gained, are repeated for the benefit of the young.

No women are thus praised except "one," Tenahe, a Naave. She is to-day the undisputed woman champion diver of the world and her record is such that her title very likely will remain undisputed, for never before have her achievements been equalled.

Twenty-seven fathoms under water, walking along the floor of the ocean gathering pearl shell for three minutes and seven seconds is her record. There is no man in the Paumotu that can do better.

Danger of Sharks.

One hundred and sixty-two feet of water on top of a human body groping among fantastic coral rocks, which might reveal a lurking shark at any time, seeking shell that is attached to the coral growth, keeping in mind the whereabouts of the basket line on which ascent must be made before the air supply of the lungs is exhausted, these take a brave heart and a strong will.

Born in Raroia, one of the atolls in the Paumotu group, 175 miles from Tahiti, Tenahe naturally was a good swimmer and diver even as a little girl, because fish and coconuts are all the food available on the island. Wood must be imported at great cost from Tahiti, and canoes, or pirogues as the natives outrigger boats are called, are only for wealthy people. So the ordinary people seek fish food with spear and fishing lines, swimming and diving often for hours before enough are caught.

At 12 years of age Tenahe was a capable provider, acquainted with the dangers of the deep and unafraid.

Girls mature early in the tropics. Comely and strong she made a good match. She married the island's only blacksmith and was in a good way to become wealthy, according to the island standards. As a blacksmith's wife she could buy her fish from poor folks and afford three new gingham dresses a year.

But one morning when the blacksmith sharpened a spearhead on his anvil, a spark flew into his eyes and all but blinded him. This misfortune ended his career as a blacksmith, and when the savings were spent Tenahe, like the rest of poor men's wives, had to go fishing again, while in her spare time she searched for pili shells that are found in shallow waters.

Great Ambition.

These sometimes contain those pretty, though not very valuable, yellow, black and rose pipi pearls, for which traders and pearls buyers pay enough for luxuries, like beef, fruit and vegetables in cans and biscuits. A change from fish food is always welcome.

The true pearl oyster seeks deeper places, and those taken easy reach were long ago taken. Those who could dive deep made much money bringing up whole baskets of mother of pearl shell, while the lucky ones, who found a pearl of good size, sheen and colour could buy enough land with coconuts to bear in making trees of copra every year. Copra is like legal tender and a few tons a year mean independence, because the owner can have all the work done by hired labour.

Such thoughts gave birth to the great ambition of Tenahe. She was then 36 years old, strong and unafraid. By watching the divers acting as a helper to one, for which she received an armful of shell every day, she learned the questions, answered good-naturedly by the men, she came to the con-

A TRUE NAME.

THE ORIGINAL OR THE
ASSUMED?

MONEYLENDERS' RIDDLE.

Legal puzzles with regard to the name under which a money-lender must register himself in accordance with the Moneylenders Act, 1927, are already arising.

A conflict of opinion exists as to the meaning of the "authorised" name, and the "true" name. The "authorised" name may be: (a) the moneylender's true name; (b) the name of a firm; or (c) a business name.

The "Law Times" states that there will be no difficulty where the name is that registered under the Births and Deaths Registration Act, or where it has been changed by deed-poll. But, it asks, supposing an assumed name has been used for many years, which is the true name—the original or the assumed? It adds:

It would be interesting to see how the courts will solve this problem, especially in cases where the assumed name has become, with the passage of time, so associated with the person in question as to be, for all practical purposes, his proper name.

clusion that she also could do such work.

When the diver she worked for took a rest she went out alone in the boat, and practised diving. Deeper and deeper she went, longer and longer she stayed under water, walking along the lagoon floor, observing oyster shells on blocks of coral and below rocks.

Tropical Sunlight.

And came the day when she felt fit to tackle the job. She went to the trader asking him to give her credit for ropes, lead and food and to loan her a diving boat. The trader laughed at her. Diving was a man's job, he said, and there were enough poor divers already.

She went to another and brought witnesses that she could stay down with the best of them, showed him that her husband would be a cheap helper, begged and cajoled, until the trader laughed, but finally consented.

Tenahe started in a place she had located in fifteen fathoms of water. That meant working ninety feet below the surface for a space of two to three minutes climbing the rope to the surface to replenish the air in the lungs and diving again. From 7 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon, every day except Sundays, Tenahe worked. Often during the first week she felt discouraged and on the first Saturday she had only 480 pounds of shell to weigh in. The next week was better and within two months of steady work Tenahe brought in as much shell on week ends as any man diver.

And henceforth she exceeded them, as she worked every day, while the men often took a holiday, two or three. Daily she collected an average of 300 pounds of shell, toiling during the hot hours of tropical sunlight, when the rays could penetrate to the bottom of the lagoon. To crown her success she found at the end of the fourth month a ten-carat pearl in one of the shells that brought her 15,000 francs from the pearl merchant.

To-day Tenahe is 46 years old, has found seven more pearls of considerable value, owns a plantation and is still diving. The trader, especially the one who refused her, laugh with her, not at her. Her name is famous throughout the islands since she became champion diver three years ago and proved that not even among the best men is there one diver that equals her.

A party of Americans were visiting the islands and they refused to believe that anyone could dive twenty-five fathoms. Among the Paumotus twenty-two fathoms is considered the working limit, though many claim to have gone deeper. Diver's paralysis and sudden death lurk below the twenty-two fathom limit. Tenahe heard about it and with the storekeeper as an interpreter she invited the party to the diving grounds, where she was working, for the next day.

They came and measured the depth of the lagoon, where she had anchored her boat, with their own lines. The measure read: twenty-seven fathoms—162 feet. Tenahe took the twenty-pound lead line between her toes, grabbed the line and slid feet first from the canoe to the depths.

Exactly three minutes and seven seconds later she reached the surface again and when her husband hauled up the shell basket, it had been lowered empty. It contained fourteen pairs of shell. The party was convinced and Tenahe received a good day's pay.

Forty-six years old to-day, Tenahe has no intention of quitting the diving game, because she likes to spend the winter season in the city of Papeete, Tahiti, where living is so easy, and she has the thrill of finding a great pearl is worth all the hardships of a diver's life.

AIR ADVISER.

EXPERIENCES IN CHANG'S
ARMY.

DEATH MESSENGERS.

Captain Talbot-Lehman, former aeronautical adviser to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, has returned to England after a year's service in China telling a remarkable story of his experiences in Chang's army which nearly cost him his life.

The officer declares that although he was engaged merely as an adviser on the stipulation not to be involved in actual warfare, he was ordered to take out an aeroplane and drop bombs on General Yen Shi-shan's forces. He refused on the ground that he was a neutral, and as a result he was threatened with death and the execution squad was paraded for his benefit. Fortunately, the order was countermanded.

Captain Talbot-Lehman describes his experiences in the "Daily Mail." He writes:

After a year in troubled China, it is a relief to walk, eat, and sleep without being haunted by the fear of a firing squad and a rapid end to a brief life.

Yet, with its many disadvantages, the interest attaching to my work as aeronautical adviser to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, son of the famous ex-bandit Marshal Chang Tso-lin, has brought me back to England with a wiser and wider outlook.

Welcomed By Six Bands.

Early in 1927 I landed in Tientsin. Following a fortnight's stay at Mukden, investigating conditions at the headquarters of the Northern Air Force, I started out in April on a month's tour of inspection with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang in his special train.

We had a fine send off from Peking, the station being guarded by three regiments with fixed bayonets, automatic rifles, machine guns, and the formidable array of pistols that are part of every soldier's equipment. An awe-inspiring scene was, however, rendered humorous by the fact that six bands insisted on playing six different tunes at the same time.

Henceforth as the train rode through the night our sleep was disturbed as we stopped or passed through wayside stations by the blaring buglers and bandmen assembled to honour the young marshal.

On arrival at Chengchow Marshal Chang and his staff were whisked off in closely guarded cars to their headquarters. From there, every three days or so, we visited the front, where I realised to what misery and chaos China had been reduced by civil war.

The railways were blocked by the special trains commanded by generals to fulfil their immediate needs, regardless of the necessity of transporting food for the troops and the half-starving population. Prisoners all came in looking dejected, and no doubt they had cause to be, for they would soon be faced with hunger or an early forced enlistment into their captor's army. The wounded, in a filthy condition, received but scant attention and were often left on their stretchers to spend the night in the open. Life was held dirt cheap, the dead and dying being left on the battlefield to their fate.

"War" in North China.

Later we proceeded down the Lung-Hai railway through Kai-feng, the historical capital of Honan, to visit Chang Tsung-chang, the Tupan of Shantung. When our day's work was completed we were entertained by him and his 60 concubines, not to mention many sing-song girls of alluring beauty. A His armoured trains are entirely manned by White Russians, who are also to be found in his army and personal guard.

After several days spent mostly in feasting, gambling, and mah-jongg, we continued our return journey to Peking.

A period of rest and reorganisation in Peking followed, as both sides did not seem anxious to continue fighting through the hot weather. Discomfort and danger were, however, to be my ultimate fate.

Hostilities were renewed at the end of October, when Yen Shi-shan, the governor of Shansi, joined forces with Feng Yu-shiang, the Christian general, and attacked the Northern Army, which had in the meantime retreated to Pao-tung.

Our air squadrons, consisting of French and British machines which were anything up to nine years old, were ordered to proceed south, and I was requested to continue my advisory duties in the war zone.

Threatened With Death.

I had hardly been at Pao-tung for more than a day or so, when I was asked to make a reconnaissance and drop bombs over the enemy lines. As this was quite contrary to the terms of my engagement, and as my views were strictly non-partisan, I refused to comply with the request. The

PASSPORT SEARCH.

PLAN IN FORCE TO STOP
LEAKAGE.

1,000,000 FILES EXAMINED.

Investigations begun by the police last May at the instigation of the officials in charge of the Passport Office have not yet revealed how the application form with which Wilfred McCartney, the spy, obtained a false passport in the name of Hudson, vanished from the official files. McCartney, with George Hansen, was sentenced at the Old Bailey in May to ten years' penal servitude for spying for Moscow.

The application form, containing as it would a false declaration, constitutes the sole documentary evidence upon which an applicant for a false passport could be prosecuted for this offence.

This was why McCartney was at such pains to recover the incriminating document which he criminated on April 27. It was disclosed at the trial that McCartney boasted that for £50 he could obtain a false passport for anyone and ensure the return of the original application to the applicant.

The disappearance of the form from the official file was discovered at the Passport Office on May 12, and the police were at once informed.

Irregularities Checked.

Immediate steps were taken by the head of the Department to ensure that thereafter no similar thefts could occur. The officials are now satisfied that the improved system of checking all files in use daily and keeping them under lock and key has, so far as is humanly possible, removed entirely the risk of any repetition of these disquieting irregularities. During the ensuing nine months none has been detected, though the most rigorous inspection has been maintained.

Throughout this period, also, a complete examination has been made of all the files relating to passport applications during the two preceding years. The search is being continued by a special staff.

The Passport Office has in its archives some 6,000,000 files, and the inquiry so far has involved the examination of just over 1,000,000.

Other Forms Missing.

Some half a dozen other application forms have been found to be missing, of which three only are thought to be suspicious, the others being accounted to wrong filing.

All relate to applications made during the three months immediately following the release of McCartney from prison, and suggest the work of the same organisation.

The Department deals with anything between 250 and 2,000 applications a day, according to the time of year, and a staff of over 250 is employed, from which may be judged the difficulties with which the police are faced in tracing the source of the leakage.

It is understood that they are satisfied that the thefts must have been carried out after the files had been returned to the archives, and not during their routine passage through the Department.

Nothing has been discovered up to the present suggesting the necessity for making any changes in the personnel of the Department, but the authorities have not yet given up hope that the enemy in their midst will be run to ground.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, has resumed his duties as acting Home Secretary, while Sir Austen Chamberlain discharged while Sir Samuel was in Switzerland.

following day I received a written order signed by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang himself. I was unable to obtain an interview in which to explain my views and without further chance of argument I was told that I was a prisoner. For several hours I was confronted with death; the colonel came to guard me and I was to carry out the order, lest I should be shot—which was far from reassuring after the many brutalities and executions without previous trial that I had witnessed. A squad armed with automatic rifles was paraded for my benefit.

After 23 days of detention and negotiations and the prospect of an early departure, from this world, cut off as I was in the centre of China from other white people, I was allowed to return to Peking. But even then, I knew Secret Information was given me by several Chinese friends to the effect that I was to be quietly and discreetly disposed of, as I had made no attempt to "have the face" of the Dictator of Northern China.

That is why I said it is not satisfactory that the quality of the water in the soil of England

PRODUCER LABELLED

MR. REX INGRAM REPUDIATES
VIEWS.

IMAGINARY INTERVIEW.

Assent was given by Mr. Justice Avory to the settlement of an action for libel brought by Mr. Rex Ingram, the film producer, against the Editor of "Tit Bits" News and Pearson Printing Co., Ltd., and George Newman, Ltd.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Mr. Ingram, stated that the libel complained of was serious. It was contained in an alleged interview with Mr. Ingram that appeared in "Tit Bits" of January 14 last.

"Dishonest Imagination."

It dealt with his life and work. The whole interview was imaginary. The defendants, when the matter was placed before them, took all the steps they could to remedy any damage done to Mr. Ingram.

The article began by saying: "Famous film director to make no more film," and (in large letters), "I am sick of Hollywood. My reason for turning Mohammedan."

Such stuff, said counsel, was dishonest imagination. Mr. Ingram was happily married. He had no intention of turning Mohammedan. So far from being sick of Hollywood, he hoped to make many more films there.

The Homes of Hollywood.

The article made Mr. Ingram speak of Hollywood thus: "Neither God, nor Allah, is accepted in the homes of Hollywood. They walk there, and there is no room for either, and the devil is paramount."

If these really were Mr. Ingram's views, counsel continued, he would not be welcome at Hollywood. The articles also made Mr. Ingram ask: "Why have I changed my religion?"

The answer was that he had not, in spite of the alluring allegation that when a man became Mohammedan he had 8,000 servants and 72 wives, in addition to those he already had when he died. (Laughter.)

Sir Patrick explained that the interview was received by "Tit Bits" from a Press agency in Paris. It had been found that really its address was merely a postal one.

The defendants had agreed, said Sir Patrick, to pay the costs and a substantial sum to charity, for Mr. Ingram desired to make nothing from the litigation. His whole object was to show that the interview was untrue and fictitious.

Sir Walter Schwabe, K.C., for the defendants, agreed to the settlement.

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on March 1, 1928.CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tydam	11' 10" B	11' 10" B
Tydam Byewash	2' 20" B	2' 20" B
Tydam Intermediate	4' 27" B	4' 27" B
Tydam Tuk	10' 38" B	10' 38" B
Wong Nei Chung	1' 20" B	1' 20" B
Pokfulum	4' 20" B	4' 20" B

[Note: B, denotes "Below Overflow." A denotes "Above Overflow."]

Storage in millions of gallons.

	1927	1928
Tydam	271.21	291.70
Tydam Byewash	—	20
Tydam Intermediate	99.52	72.87
Tydam Tuk	895.00	650.00
Wong Nei Chung	10.55	9.62
Pokfulum	23.80	23.25

Total 1,270.08 1,047.75

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

	1927	1928
Consumption	101.86	204.54
Estimated population	400,340	419,660
Consumption per head per day	16.7	16.8

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during February with the exception of the district west of Garden-road from Feb. 2 to 28th February, 1927.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during February, 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS
LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	15' 7" B	15' 10" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	10' 2" B	2' 4" B
Reception Reservoir	3' 4" B	8' 8" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	210.5	208.78
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	63.14	100.53
Reception Reservoir	24.55	31.39

Total 297.74 340.85

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

	1927	1928
Consumption	64.54	84.09
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Consumption per head per day	14.6	16.6

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GEN. DYER'S HONOUR

SIR M. O'DWYER DEFENDS
IT.

AMRITSAR DISCLOSURES.

Further light on the rising at Amritsar (Punjab, Northern India) in April, 1919, and the measures taken to cope with it by the late Brigadier-General R. E. H. Dyer are provided by Sir Michael O'Dwyer, who was Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab at the time.

It will be remembered that General Dyer ordered his troops to fire on a crowd of 5,000 Indians in an enclosed space outside Amritsar. About 380 persons were killed and more than a thousand wounded. The shooting gave rise to a great controversy. A year later the majority and minority reports of Lord Hunter's Committee of Inquiry into the disturbances condemned, in varying degrees, General Dyer's action. The general was removed from his employment in India.

In 1924 Sir Michael O'Dwyer brought a libel action in London against Sir C. Sankaran Nair, a former member of the Viceroy's Council, who was alleged to have suggested that Sir Michael had employed methods of terrorism in the Punjab.

In giving judgment for Sir Michael, Mr. Justice McCardie expressed the view that General Dyer, "under grave and exceptional circumstances, had acted rightly," and that he was wrongly punished by the Secretary for India.

City in Mob's Hands.

Sir Michael, who spoke at the annual dinner of the Old Comrades' Association of the 25th London Regiment at Harrods Restaurant, said:

We knew that, unless sternly and promptly repressed, what had happened in Amritsar would spread to every station in the north of India. Measures were taken. They were only waiting to hear news of what had happened in Amritsar to play the same game elsewhere.

Mobs of over 20,000 people sallied forth from Lahore city to try to do the same thing there. Prompt measures were also taken at Lahore. Troops arrived on the scene, and we were able to hold our own.

Then there came the question of restoring order in Amritsar. The city of 200,000 people was then in the hands of a rebellious mob.

Fortunately, under Major-General Sir William Beynon's able directions, Brigadier-General Dyer promptly arrived from Jullundur—(applause)—bringing with him your battalion to the scene of carnage.

He had to take drastic measures, measures that no one regretted more than himself, but he took those measures unflinchingly, like a man, and he saved the situation. (applause).

General's Honour.

Major-General Sir William Beynon, who was Divisional Commander, 16th Indian Division, at the time of the disturbances, said: I should like to recall to your memory that, before his death, General Dyer had been reinstated and his honour proclaimed by a British judge and a British jury—(applause)—and the man who was chiefly responsible for that was Sir Michael O'Dwyer.

The death occurred on February 5 at his home at Crossways, Sunninghill, of Mr. Evan Ormiston, for many years a resident of Hong Kong, where he was manager of the Mercantile Bank of India and a leading member of the community. Retiring from the Bank service, he was for some time in business as an exchange broker. Mr. Ormiston was in his 61st year. He was the second son of the late Mr. Walter Ormiston, and is survived by his wife.



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SIR O. STOLL.

PRODUCER LAMENTS 50
YEARS AGO.

THE MUSIC HALL.

My connection with the music-hall began when I was 14 years old, writes Sir Oswald Stoll. At that early age fate had decreed that I should manage or mismanage the business for my mother.

What I looked like may be gauged from the fact that when any stranger called to see the manager I was obliged to go back and forward between the stranger and a fictitious manager, carrying question to the fiction and answer to the fact, in order to avoid being imposed upon or treated with contempt. I used to listen with respect to the views and advice of the elders of the profession. Among these were two burnt-cork comedians named Craven and Conway. One day Conway in a serious and apparently compassionate mood spoke to me about my future. He told me that the music-hall was played out. He had worked in it for nearly 50 years and had seen it go steadily from bad to worse. This he proved by convincing arguments. He advised me to go into commercial life.

I obtained a situation with the then famous firm of Messrs. Pinto Leite and Nephews, and worked for a time beside young men now reduced to poverty by the demise of that firm. I worked in that way for two years, running between that office and the music-hall in my dinner hour; also working at the music-hall at night, and thinking and comparing all the time. At the end of two years my consciousness awoke.

I went to the manager and said: "Sir, I wish to leave here at once!" He replied: "That is rather sudden, but why do you wish to leave at all?" I said: "Last week at the Parthenon Music Hall we made £— profit, and I cannot see when I am ever likely to make that much in a week in any position here." He looked kindly at me for a little while without speaking, and then he said: "Very well, my boy. Stick to your music-hall, but never tell anyone how much you make in a week." I went.

The moral is clear: Opinions are not to be trusted. Fundamental facts and true causes, even when known, are rarely stated.

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PARTY FUNDS.

American Secretary's Admission.
RECEIPT OF \$50,000.

Suggestion He Should Then Make Contribution Of Equal Amount.

New York, Yesterday.
Mr. A. V. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, subpoenaed to the



Mr. Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, U.S.A.

Senate oil committee, explained he received a package of Liberty Bonds valued at \$50,000 from Mr. Hays with a suggestion that he keep them and subscribe a similar amount to the Party funds.

Mr. Mellon objected as he felt he would be making a subscription that was not what it purported to be and returned the Bonds but later made a bona fide subscription of the same amount. —Reuter's American Service.

LADY FLIER KILLED.

FORMER PEER'S WIFE CRASHES.

Nairobi, Yesterday.
Mrs. Carbery crashed at the aerodrome here while flying with Dudley Cowie whom she was teaching. Both were killed.

Mr. Carbery witnessed the accident. Both Mr. Carbery and his wife were enthusiastic aviators. Mr. Carbery (who relinquished his title when he became a naturalised American) flew from London to Nairobi in a Fokker monoplane last November.

Mrs. Carbery, who held a pilot's certificate, left London on January 10 to join her husband at his coffee plantation, previously sending out a light aeroplane, making their fourth machine.

It was their ambition to make Kenya "air-minded."—Reuter.

SECRET FLIGHT.

BRITISH AVIATOR SETS OUT.

London, Yesterday.
Captain Hinchliffe, whose plans for a non-stop flight to India were recently featured in the newspapers, left Cranwell Aerodrome this morning "for an unknown destination."

Atlantic Flight?
The destination of Hinchliffe's giant Stinson monoplane "Endeavour" is unknown. There were a few onlookers when it started at 8.40 this morning laden with petrol sufficient for a 3,000 miles non-stop run.

The machine went to the west. His wife stated afterwards he was going to Baldonnel Aerodrome, Dublin, and there prepare for a trans-Atlantic flight, but Hinchliffe had not arrived at Baldonnel this afternoon. His London agent said that Hinchliffe intended to attempt the Atlantic.

Later.
An aeroplane, believed to be Hinchliffe's, was sighted, over Mizen Head, Cork, this afternoon. —Reuter.

CEYLON DISASTER.

21 KILLED IN TRAIN SMASH.

Colombo, Yesterday.
Twenty-one persons were killed in a head-on collision, near Kalutara, 28 miles south of Colombo, between a passenger-train and the Galle Colombo express.

The engine and three carriages of the express were badly damaged and the engine and two carriages of the passenger-train were smashed.

"OBVIOUS FORGERY."

Judge And Alleged Letter.

CLAIM FOR \$1,000.

As Deposit For Government Contract.

A well-known local contractor was plaintiff in a Summary Court action this morning in which a contract with the Government and a deposit made under this contract figured largely in the evidence. In the course of the case, His Honour Mr. Justice Wood gave it as his opinion that a document alleged by plaintiff to have been signed by a man now dead was "an obvious forgery."

Plaintiff was Li Ng, trading as the Chiu On Company, of Tai Hang Village, and he sued Ng Pui Lam, of Tai Nam-street, Shamsui, for the return of \$1,000 alleged to have been deposited with the Government by plaintiff and obtained from them by defendant.

The statement of claim set out that the deposit was made on or about Nov. 25, 1924, as security for Contract No. 57 and that plaintiff received a receipt. The sum, to-

OVERCAST.

Strong Winds, But Moderating, Predicted.

The local weather forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, strong, moderating; generally overcast.

The mid-day weather report reads:—The anti-cyclone is probably central near Peking. Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Well-Known Contractor.
Mr. Lo said that plaintiff was a very well known local contractor and had put through many deals for the Hong Kong Government and also in Canton where he had put through a contract for \$600,000 and two others, in connection with the building of railways, for \$300,000 and \$1,000,000.

Coming to the deposit, Mr. Lo said it was made in connection with a Government contract given to the Chiu On Company. The contract was secured by Tsang Chui, who was the father-in-law of the plaintiff's third son, Tsang Chui, at the time he entered into this contract, was short of money and it was at his request that the plaintiff made the necessary deposit. Tsang Chui was also short of money for carrying out the contract and it was arranged between the two that plaintiff should finance the contract. In fact, he became practically the owner of the contract and of the firm, while Tsang Chui continued to give receipt to the Government for payments made.

There was nothing in writing between the parties, continued Mr. Lo, but it was agreed that plaintiff should receive all money received from the Government in connection with the contract, less 5 per cent. to be received by Tsang Chui. Plaintiff supplied his own tools.

The Alleged Letter.
Tsang Chui died about two years ago and a few days before he died, continued Mr. Lo, he signed a letter to the Government stating that he had handed over the management of the Company to his "manager"—the plaintiff. The plaintiff apparently knew the Colonial Treasurer and saw him about this letter and, eventually, the necessary authority was given departmentally whereby money arising out of the contract was paid to the plaintiff.

Plaintiff assumed that the receipt for \$1,000 would be in Tsang Chui's papers but when the time came to claim the refund, in November last, plaintiff found it was missing. This was some eighteen months after Tsang Chui's death.

Plaintiff went into the witness box and deposed as to having made the deposit at Tsang Chui's request.

SIMON EXPENSES.

Assembly Vote Of Opposition.

ESTIMATES REDUCED.

Government Censured Regarding League Appointment.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The Assembly by 66 votes to 59 carried a motion moved by Motilal Nehru opposing the grant of Rs.



Sir John Simon, head of the Commission.

340,000 for the expenses of the Simon Commission and adopted by 67 to 45 a motion for the nominal reduction of the estimates as a censure of the Government for the non-appointment of an Indian as the leader of the Indian delegation to the League of Nations.—Reuter.

and as to his having financed the work of the contract.

"A Man Of Straw."

His Honour commented that it appeared to be a contract between the two whereby the Government was provided with "a man of straw." If there was any dispute on the contract, the Government would find that they were dealing with someone who in fact was not substantial.

Mr. Lo commented that that was why the deposit of \$1,000 was required. If the Government wanted a substantial firm they had only to institute enquiries.

His Honour commented that the agreement between the plaintiff and Tsang Chui might have been in accordance with custom but it amounted in effect to what he had stated above.

In reply to questions, plaintiff said he regarded himself as the sole proprietor of the Chiu On firm and would have regarded himself as responsible in the event of any loss.

His Honour indicated that it was plain in his opinion that Tsang Chui was the sole proprietor and remained the sole proprietor until his death in spite of the agreement between the two parties.

Mr. Lo asked his client if he regarded himself as the one entitled to recover the \$1,000.

His Honour commented that this was a matter for the Bench to decide. The Chiu On were the people entitled to recover that amount and at the time the deposit was made it was clear that Tsang Chui and no other could recover it. In view of his death it would appear that Tsang Chui's accredited representative only could recover it.

An "Obvious Forgery."
With regard to a letter which plaintiff said had been written by Tsang Chui a few days before his death, handing over the business of the Chiu On to the plaintiff, His Honour held that this was an "obvious forgery" as Tsang Chui had died on the very day it was dated—February 26, 1926.

Mr. Lo commented that the letter was acted on by the P.W.D.

His Honour remarked that if they paid him at their own risk that did not concern him (His Honour).

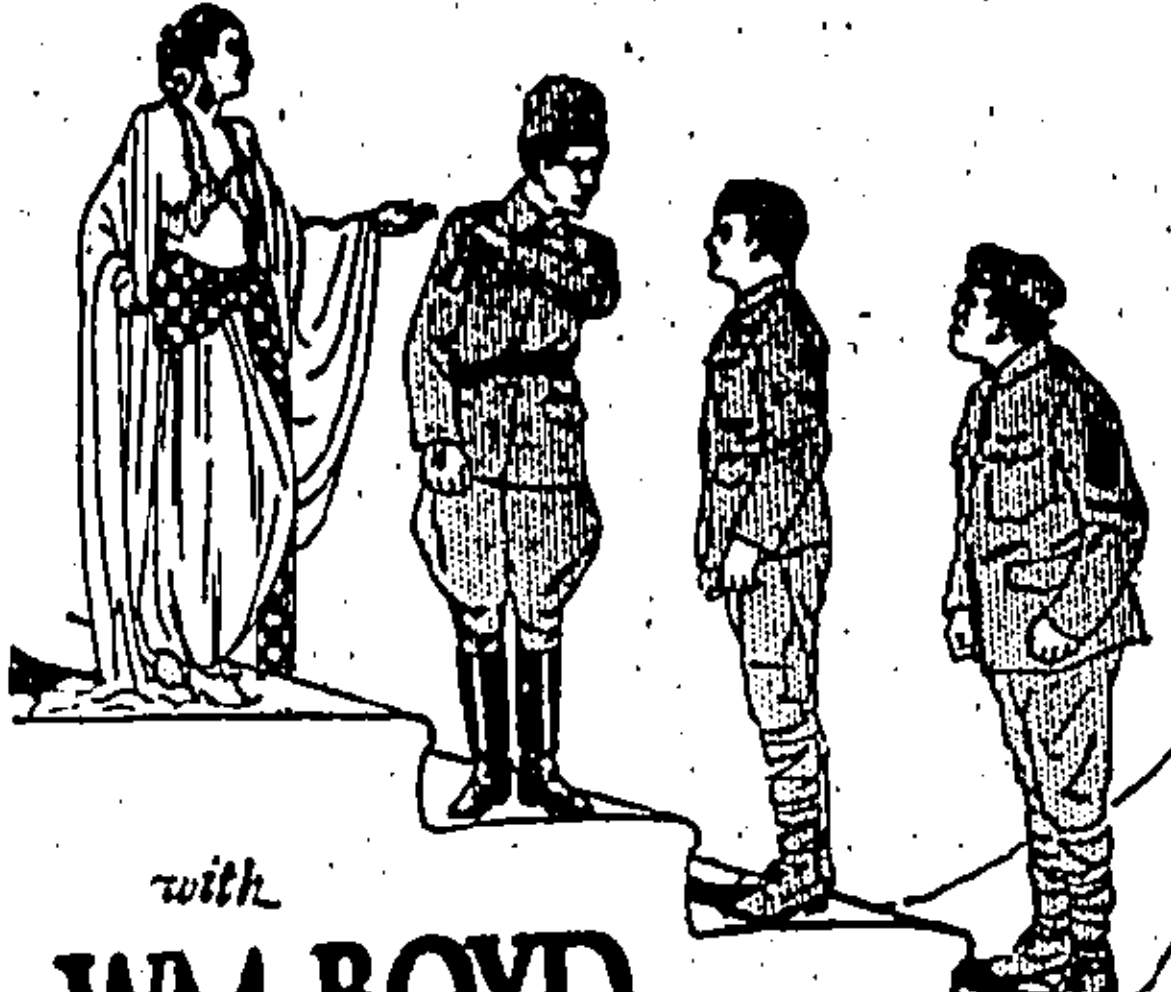
His Honour indicated that he did not think that there was any right of action. The only cause of action was against the personal relatives of Tsang Chui.

Mr. Lo claimed that the plaintiff had a better right than a total stranger to the business. Regularly or irregularly plaintiff had been in charge of the Chiu On business from the time of Tsang Chui's death and as such he was entitled to claim.

His Honour, in adjourning the case until Saturday (in Chambers) remarked that he was of opinion that plaintiff had no cause of action at all and he thought he would remain of that opinion unless plaintiff could bring himself within the right by some curious principle of equity.

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WU PEI-FU.

EX-STRONG MAN'S VIEW ON HEROES.

SOLACE OF BUDDHISM.

Peking, Mar. 1.
The latest militarist recruit to the banner of Buddhism is Marshal Wu Pei-fu, according to despatches from Ta Tsao, Szechuen, where the former warlord of the Chihli is living by sufferance of the Szechuen leaders.

Wu has lost much of his former impetuosity and is a changed man. He rises early and after the usual morning exercise, he studies Buddhist scriptures. He particularly cherishes a miniature gold Buddha, a gift from the Tibetan spiritual dignitary, which he always carries on his breast.

He is so absorbed in the teaching of Buddha that after a few minutes conversation with his visitor he closes his eyes and loses himself in the contemplation of

Buddhist scriptures. When asked for his political views, he fetches a sigh and says: "What are regarded as heroes of to-day are simply those men who are paying in this world for the sins of their former life. I shall be satisfied if I can receive my retributions in this life."

Marshal Wu makes his headquarters at a place about two li from the city of Ta Tsao. He has some 1,500 troops with him. His monthly maintenance expenses are contributed by the military leaders of Szechuen.—Kuo Wen.

BRITISH DIPLOMATS.

CHANGES AT BRUSSELS AND COPENHAGEN.

London, Yesterday.
Earl Granville has been appointed Ambassador at Brussels and Sir Thomas Holter has been appointed Minister at Copenhagen.—Reuter.

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